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GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1926 and 4,000 equal to 5,926.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbable Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1926 and 530 equal to 2,456.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1926 and 3,760 equal to 5,686. After September add another year.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1926 and 1,000 equal to 2,926.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1926 less 1,118 equal to 808.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1926 and 1913 equal to 3,839.



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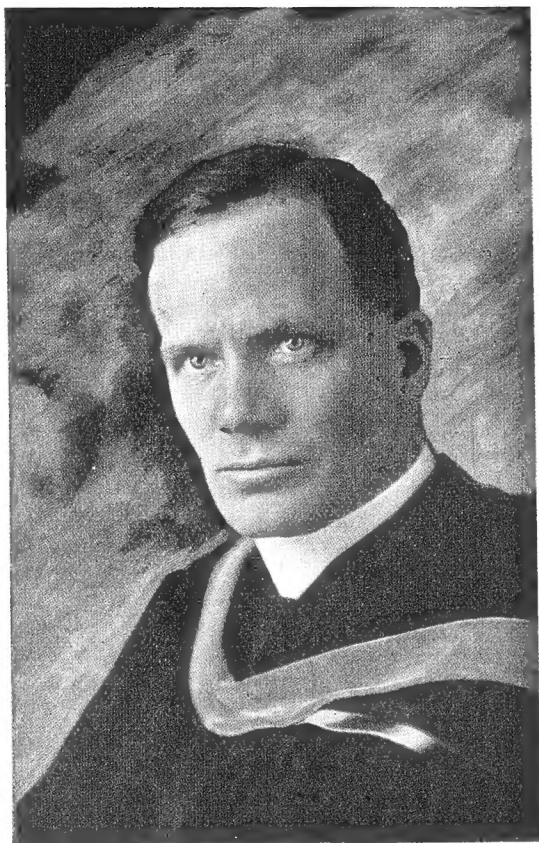
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TWELFTH
Annual Convocation
1926

Held in the

City of EDMONTON, Alberta
March 17th-18th, 1926

And Special Convocation
on July 25th, 1925



Yours Fraternally,

E. Middlebroe.

Grand Z, 1925

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five.

PROCEEDINGS OF A
SPECIAL CONVOCATION
of the
Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Held in the Masonic Hall, Drumheller, Alberta, on the 25th day of July A.D. 1925, A.L. 2455, for the purpose of consecrating Eheyeh Chapter No. 27.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.	Grand Z.
V. E. Comp. James Hughes.	Grand H., Acting.
E. Comp. Victor W. Wright.	Grand J., Acting.
R. E. Comp. James Cleave.	Grand Supt.
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel.	Grand S.E.
R. E. Comp. James R. Flan.	Grand D. of C., Acting.
Comp. Thomas Humphreys.	Bearing Corn.
Comp. Jas. Cottom.	Bearing Wine.
Comp. Archie Douglas.	Bearing Oil.
Comp. George Chambers.	Bearing Pot of Incense.
Comp. Donald McAskell.	Carrying Ark of the
Comp. Thomas Fitzpatrick.	Covenant.
Comp. William G. Brammall.	Grand Janitor.

also a number of visiting Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8:30 p.m. The Most Excellent Grand Z., stated that the Emergent Convocation had been called for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Eheyeh Chapter, and to install the officers. The Chapter being duly consecrated the following officers were duly installed:

Ex. Comp. A. E. Lockerbie.	First Principal Z.
Ex. Comp. W. T. Gill.	Second Principal H.
Ex. Comp. D. McAskill.	Third Principal J.
Comp. W. G. Ferrey.	Scribe N.
Comp. D. M. Dickson.	Treasurer.
Comp. W. G. Anderson.	Master 1st Veil
Comp. W. Marr.	Master 2nd Veil.
Comp. J. Wilson.	Master 3rd Veil.
Comp. E. A. Toshack.	Janitor.

An address on "Consecration" was given by Most Ex. Comp. Middleton. Addresses were also delivered by Rt. Ex. Comps. Cleave and Flan. The Grand Z. then installed V. Ex. Comp. Hughes as Grand Pursuivant. The best wishes for the success of the Chapter were extended by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form. A delightful banquet brought a most successful meeting to a close.



Grand Scribe E.

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Twelfth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 17th and 18th days of March, A.D. 1926, A.L. 2456.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.....	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.....	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab.....	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott.....	Grand Supt. District No. 1.	
R. E. Comp. Alex M. McKee	Grand Supt. District No. 2.	
R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson.....	Grand Supt. District No. 3.	
R. E. Comp. James Cleave.....	Grand Supt. District No. 4.	
R. E. Comp. D. C. McDougall.....	Grand Supt. District No. 5.	
R. E. Comp. C. R. Wentzel.....	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary).	
R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel.....	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. E. Comp. Hugh Stainsleigh.....	Grand Registrar.	
V. E. Comp. Geo. W. Potter	Grand Junior Sojourner.	
R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan	Grand Lecturer.	
V. E. Comp. John Taylor.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.	
V. E. Comp. W. W. Pratt.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.	
V. E. Comp. Jas. Hughes.....	Grand Pursuivant.	

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin.....	1915
M. E. Comp. Fred S. Watson.....	1916
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.....	1919
M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.....	1922
M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote.....	1923

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Fred S. Watson.....	Canada
R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott.....	Delaware
M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin.....	Iowa
R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....	Maine.
V. E. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace.....	Manitoba
R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer.....	Maryland
R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.....	Massachusetts
R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan.....	Michigan
R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard.....	Nevada
M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote.....	New Jersey
R. E. Comp. C. R. Wentzel.....	New South Wales
M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.....	New York
R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel.....	North Carolina
R. E. Comp. Geo. S. Armstrong.....	Nova Scotia
R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab.....	Ohio.
M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.....	Scotland
R. E. Comp. J. J. Green.....	South Carolina
R. E. Comp. W. C. Black.....	Utah
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.....	Vermont
R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson.....	Virginia
V. E. Comp. Percy Fielding.....	West Australia
R. E. Comp. W. J. Haynes.....	Wisconsin

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 2:15 o'clock p.m., March 17th.

R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-seven warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, and that twenty-five were represented with 114 votes, and the following delegates:

Alberta, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood, F. B. Cooper, V. E. Comp. W. W. Pratt, E. Comps. V. W. Wright, F. J. Hand, C. H. Minchin and A. E. Portman.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Comps. F. S. Watson and Geo. B. McLeod, R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott, E. Comps. W. Baxter, M. Robbins and J. B. Griffith.

Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat

E. Comp. D. S. Reid.

Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge

R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard.

Golden West, No. 5, High River

R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel and E. Comp. W. J. Noble.

Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

R. E. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace, E. Comps. G. L. Gothard and A. E. Wynne.

Bekah, No. 7, Macleod

M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton and E. Comp. C. A. Arthur.

Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek

R. E. Comp. D. C. McDougall.

Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary

R. E. Comps. W. E. Mercer, Jas. R. Flan, James Cleave and E. Comp. F. V. Truesdale.

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen.

Not represented.

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary

R. E. Comps. W. C. Black, E. G. Ironside, C. R. Wentzel, and E. Comp. A. Davison.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, R. E. Comps. W. J. Stephenson, Geo. H. Best and E. Comp. A. B. Mitchell.

Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton

R. E. Comps. D. C. Robertson, G. S. Armstrong, W. M. McNab, E. Comps. D. W. Cotton, R. M. Lambertson and F. J. Summerill

Vermilion, No. 14, Vermilion

R. E. Comps. J. W. G. Morrison, Percy Fielding, E. Comps. J. Selkirk, and Thos. Watts.

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

E. Comp. H. Henderson.

Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm

Not represented.

Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam

R. E. Comps. W. J. Haynes and Alex M. McKee.

Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. J. J. Green, V. E. Comps. F. S. Macpherson, A. C. Sloan, G. W. Potter, E. Comps. E. Ward, C. A. Potter and J. H. Richardson.

The Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown

E. Comp. Jas. Rennie.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

V. E. Comp. A. N. Saddington and E. Comp. W. H. Hiscocks.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

V. E. Comp. John Taylor and E. Comp. O. G. Craig.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury

E. Comp. J. McDougall.

Coronation, No. 23, Coronation

E. Comp. C. Fowler.

Crescent, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson and
E. Comp. Geo. Rounce.

Strathcona, No. 25, South Edmonton

V. E. Comp. H. C. Neal, E. Comps. H. Sandilands and F. Booth.

Harmony, No. 26, Bassano

R. E. Comp. H. Stainsleigh and R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan (Proxy).

Ehneyeh, No. 27, Drumheller

V. E. Comp. Jas. Hughes.

The Most Excellent, the Grand Z., granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons in good standing, as visitors.

**CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That, as the Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Convocation, held in Calgary on the 11th day of March, 1925, had been printed and copies placed in the hands of those entitled to receive them, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

WELCOME

Companion the Right Reverend H. A. Gray, Bishop of Edmonton, being in waiting, M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey retired and introduced him to the Grand Chapter.

**ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY
THE RIGHT REVEREND H. A. GRAY, BISHOP OF EDMONTON**

Companions all, it is some 28 years ago since within these walls I entered the presence of Royal Arch Masonry. Unfortunately, the work of the average shepherd has to be performed at night time or in the evening to keep the sheep from the prowling of the midnight wolf, consequently, my evenings becoming engaged otherwise in the performance of my duties and proper occupation, I never was enabled to attend the Sessions of this Order or of the Blue Lodge. I could

see it was more in harmony with the true principals of Masonry to hang on as a fruitful branch and retire gracefully into the background, so I did. I sometimes come across the regalia which I still treasure, and in one or two photographs of my father which I possess, he is wearing the regalia of an Arch Mason; that is all I know about his membership.

Having apologized for my apparent indifference to the Masonic Order, I would like to extend to all of you a hearty welcome, those who come from the Apple Belt and those who come from the Windy Belt, to visit us here in the Banana Belt.

It is a great privilege to welcome you to the fair Capital of this Province, and to that City which I have the honour to speak of as my See City. It is a privilege to welcome you, who I regard as one of the most important expressions of Masonic Work today. I love to think of the Arch and its Key-stone, and as I look around the world today, I see something of the crumbling of great Arches that have held up the faith and future of great peoples. Today all over the world—In India alone there are seventy millions of Mohammedans who have lost their heads, suffering by the autocratic rule of Turkey, a body of people including some highly trained, well educated and exceedingly able men. People, in the education of the West, who today have cut loose from the former affiliations, no longer held down by the hide bound rules of many centuries ago, are seeking a new level of life in the light of their new found knowledge and liberty, and I am asking myself, not only for those seventy million in India, but the millions in Africa, in Egypt and in Persia, these millions of brainy men, educated men, men who have risen to the very top of their professions in Law, Medicine and Art in their native land after having studied in Western Universities—I am asking what is going to be the effect of our modern civilization, how far will it impress itself upon this mass of people. I am speaking of what is going on today while we are sitting here, and so, dear brethren, I welcome you with this admonition, all around the world's circumference, this unrest is to be found, and if we are to emerge from this period of efflux into a higher level of living, to a higher type of manhood, to something in the nature of a civilization that will not crumble such as the civilization we have just lost, then I think you have a mighty part to play, and that part will not be played merely by the regularity with which you attend your lodge—that part will not be played merely by the preciseness with which you are able to recite the ritual of your lodge, but it will be played most by the way you are able to impress through yourselves as the Master Key upon that moving crowd of humanity, the impress of the ideals and the levels to which you as Arch Masons are committed.

And so, I would welcome you all to this fair City of Edmonton with the hope that, looking forward to the future, realizing the opportunity that presents itself to you, you may in your deliberations so mould your manner of life and work that, when the story of this generation is written, it shall be said that you as Arch Masons did your bit, and may be, dropped the Key-stone in the Arch of the future civilization which shall hold it in contact for generations to come. I bid you Sir, and Companions, all welcome to the fair City of Edmonton.

The Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion S. H. Middleton, expressed his thanks to Bishop Gray for his kindly words of welcome, and the appreciation of the Grand Chapter in having him with us on this occasion.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

GRAND CHAPTER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Most Excellent Companion C. F. Sherwin, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, and the accredited Representative of the Grand Z. of that Grand Body, was announced. M. E. Comp. Middleton directed M. E. Comps. J. N. Rankin and W. T. Coote to retire and introduce the visitor.

Most Excellent Companion Sherwin, your presence here today forges one more link in the chain of Provincial visitation. It is indeed no empty phrase when I bid you on behalf of this Grand Convocation, a hearty welcome. May these visitations, between Alberta and British Columbia, begun under so happy a circumstance, continue indefinitely.

It was my great pleasure and privilege to first meet you in your own Jurisdiction. Your fame as a Leader had already been heard in your favor—but to know you—to grip your hand—to exchange ideas—and to have personal contact, only tends to confirm the esteem in which you are held.

We trust that your sojourn with us, will be as enjoyable to yourself, as it will be profitable to us. To know you, is to appreciate your worth: you are thrice welcome to this Grand Chapter.

Companions; it is my privilege to present to you Most Excellent Companion Sherwin, Past Grand First Principal, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. Look well to our distinguished visitor and receive him with Grand Honours.

Grand Z.

M. E. COMP. SHERWIN: It is with some pleasure that I respond to your welcome to the representatives of sister Grand Chapters, and the Grand Chapter of British Columbia in particular. Pleasing because it has been a source of great pleasure to me in Grand Chapter to bring you best fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia through the Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion J. G. Gamon, who on account of ill health is not able to be with you in person, and satisfaction in knowing that our efforts have not been in vain, and that all the constituent chapters have been benefitted and stimulated by the efforts of our Grand Chapters.

This is my first trip to your city, and I have enjoyed every minute of the time in the glad hand clasp of your Companions and looking over your progress.

A short time ago I had the great pleasure of accompanying your Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion Middleton, together with R. E. Comp. McDougall and E. Comp. Arthur on a visit to the Chapter at Pincher Creek, and it was pleasing to note the goodfellowship that exists among the companions, and how they were striving to make the chapter a success, many of them travelling many miles to aid in the good work.

We started out in the organization of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia under very similar conditions as you were in at the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. We were given blessings and assistance from the Grand Chapter of Canada, one of the grandest bodies in Capitulat Masonry in the whole world, and we like yourselves have been forging ahead, and we thank the Grand Chapter of Alberta for the assistance you gave us.

Your Representative near the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, is one of the live wires in British Columbia Grand Chapter, and is to be found in the harness all the time.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF ALBERTA

At this time the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Companion Dr. W. G. Egbert, was announced, and upon being introduced by M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote and R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, was welcomed by Most Excellent Companion Middleton:

Your Excellency:

When in Calgary last November you promised tentatively that you would endeavor to be with us on the occasion of our Annual Convocation. I was naturally very happy to convey such pleasing information to my colleagues.

The fact however, of your presence here amongst us, affords extreme gratification. I therefore take pleasure on behalf of the Grand Chapter in extending to you a most hearty and cordial welcome. I am not insensible to the great privilege of welcoming to our Convocation the representative of His Majesty, King George the Fifth.

Alberta is proud of you Sir, and the Grand Chapter is doubly honoured in having so illustrious a son. Kindly accept our earnest and fraternal Greetings, and we trust that despite your many exacting duties of State, you may be able to remain and join in our deliberations so that we may be the recipients of your wise counsel and wisdom.

Ex. Companions, it is my distinguished pleasure to present to you His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor of Alberta, Comp. Egbert. You will now salute him with the honour due his exalted station.

The Lieut.-Governor suitably replied—assuring the Companions assembled that it gave him a great deal of pleasure to accept the reception tendered him.; of his appreciation of the good that Capitular Masonry is doing, and his realization of the benefits resulting from it.

GRAND MASTER OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

The Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, having been announced in waiting, the Grand Z. requested Most Excellent Companions J. N. Rankin and M. M. Downey to retire and introduce Grand Master Geo. B. McLeod.

Most Excellent Companion McLeod:

In welcoming you to our Grand Convocation, I do so with no sense of diffidence. To you, occupying the exalted position of "Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," you are doubly welcome.

Bearing in mind the arduous labours you performed for this Grand Chapter when you were its Grand First Principal, I have no hesitation in affirming on behalf of my Companions, the mature wisdom which was exercised, when your eminent Fraters elevated you to your present office.

You are no stranger in our midst, but rather a valued friend and brother. The call of Masonry has been answered by the tangible results of your faithful Masonic worth and research. You will yet travel far along this same highway, and more jewels will be added to your already distinguished Masonic diadem; but stripped of all these honours, you will ever remain to us—the man—the brother—our revered Companion, Most Excellent Companion George B. McLeod.

Companions, I take great pleasure in presenting to you the Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, give him the honours due his station.

Grand Z.

Most Excellent Sir, Officers, and Companions,
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Alberta.

I assure you that it is with the greatest pleasure and gratification that I avail myself of the privilege of accepting your kind invitation to officially visit this my own Grand Chapter, as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory, and to extend to you the greetings of that Sovereign Body of Masonic thought.

I beg to thank you Most Ex. Sir, for the all too complimentary welcome you have so kindly extended to me, at the same time I am not so vain as to believe that it is all directed to myself, but accept it rather as the representative of the Knights Templar of Canada, that great body of Masonry so closely allied to Capitular Masonry.

The welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, and that of Knights Templarism is so closely interwoven that our future, and our endeavors must be of common interest, and common moment. I have seen to it that representatives of Great Priory have responded to invitations from other Grand Chapters in Canada, and extended greetings as I am endeavoring to do here today, and I trust that with closer understanding, and with more knowledge of what each stands for that our whole fabric may be closer knit.

I would remind you that Sovereign Great Priory has one great function in this country. It is the only body of Masonry that comes together in a democratic manner year by year from Canada as a whole, drawing our elected representatives from the Yukon to Halifax, and this is important as it means this, it provides a center for the exchange of Masonic thought, and interest that is nation wide.

I thank you again Most Ex. Sir for your kindly greeting, and well wishes, permit me to congratulate you upon a most successful meeting of Grand Chapter, a most successful year of office, and a year of work well done. You have personally justified the high hopes your friends held for you when you were first brought forward for office in this Grand Chapter. We appreciate your untiring effort in the work, and know that your success will be esteemed by you as its own reward. Permit me Sir to wish this Grand Chapter an even greater measure of prosperity and success than it has even attained in the past, and that all its endeavor will be directed with the one thought of service to God, and our fellow men.

GEO. B. McLEOD.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Scribe E. was then directed by the M. E. the Grand First Principal, to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and after they had been assembled at the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, M. E. Comp. Middleton addressed them as follows:

Rt. Ex. Companions, Representatives of the Sister and far distant Grand Jurisdictions,—

I welcome you most heartily to this our 12th Annual Grand Convocation.

It is a time honoured custom to receive and present the Grand Representatives to the members of Grand Chapter. As you stand before us many conflicting emotions arise, for you represent States and Countries which are inhabited by all sorts and conditions of men.

By thus being the accredited ambassadors of your individual Jurisdictions we realise that honour, dignity and fraternal love were the salient factors in your being chosen.

We cross mentally from ocean to ocean, from the frozen North to the sunny South, and realise afresh that the bonds of the Capitular world are strengthened, nay, fostered and cemented by your presence here today.

I extend Rt. Ex. Companions, through you to your respective Grand Chapters, the felicitations and best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I trust that you will communicate these sentiments to the Grand Chapters you have the honour to represent. Assure them of our continued good wishes and fraternal greetings.

Each of the Companions having conveyed the greetings from his Grand Chapter, to the Grand Z., R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine, on behalf of the others, replied to the Grand First Principal, as follows:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

As the representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I bring you cordial Fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of Maine and the Royal Arch Masons of that jurisdiction. I also observe that in the month of May last a short time before this Grand Chapter held a special convocation, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, the Companions of the Royal Craft in the jurisdiction I have the honor to represent held their One Hundredth Annual Convocation.

Royal Arch Masons in the old established jurisdiction of Maine and this young jurisdiction of Alberta and elsewhere throughout the world are a numerous and noble company whose prime object is the search after Truth. We are searching not only as individuals, each seeking to catch some feeble ray but we are also banded together as companions in this noble endeavour. This search after truth is typified and symbolized in the labors exemplified in the Royal Arch Degree. With our eyes fixed upon this lofty ideal and bound together with the ties of Fraternal love and companionship may we not hope, that as in days of yore the sojourners made their discoveries while conducting their labors in preparation for the holy structure to follow, so the Royal Arch Masons of today wheresoever dispersed throughout the globe may be making discoveries leading nearer and nearer to their ideal. May we not also hope that their efforts may radiate into the larger sphere of the craft at large and even throughout all the world illuminating rays of truth and divine wisdom consecrating our efforts both within and without our chapters to the advancement of humanity in the knowledge of truth and in love toward the Divine Creator and our fellow men.

In conclusion Most Excellent Sir may I be permitted on behalf of the several sister Grand Chapters represented here today to express our sincere appreciation of the most kindly welcome and greetings you have extended to us as representatives of our Grand Jurisdictions and

to assure you that it will give us the keenest pleasure to transmit your noble sentiments to our respective Grand Jurisdictions. May we join with you in the hope that the deliberations and proceedings of this annual convocation may be carried through with wisdom and result in much benefit to our Royal Craft.

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

The M. E., the Grand Z., then requested the Grand Representatives to be seated.

Grand First Principal's Address

To the Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
My Companions:

A year ago you entrusted me with the helm of the Capitular ship. I steered forth at your behest into the deep and placid waters of Masonic thought and found calm and peaceful seas prevailing; this calmness and harmony has characterized our voyage, no breakers have been encountered other than the surge and spray—the ebb and tide of general volition. I now return with much thankfulness with the young and promising vessel safely piloted to port, awaiting your verdict after reporting my activities on the high seas of the hearts and minds of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Companions, I bid you a hearty welcome to our 12th Annual Convocation. May the Most High in His Supreme wisdom, temper your deliberations with knowledge and accord, your actions with judgment and understanding, your thoughts with clarity and renewed vision.

My first official duty was to present Most Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson the retiring Grand Z., with a past Grand First Principal's Jewel. This was indeed a most pleasing incident, for I had already sat at the feet of the proverbial Gamaliel for several years, and gleaned much wisdom from my worthy predecessor. We regret, that owing to ill health he is not with us today, he has, however, sent fraternal greetings which I take great pleasure in extending to this Grand Chapter.

I refrain from taking up the time of Grand Chapter with the mere recital of the details connected with my year of office. Whenever it has been possible I have gone out into the highways and by ways and have endeavoured to give a word of counsel and a helping hand. When censure was needed I did not hesitate to reprove, but under all conditions an effort has been made to leave on the minds of the Companions the exalted position of a Royal Arch Mason; the privileges of the order and the obligations they have assumed. If it has been possible to inspire one weaker comrade to seek the heights of our ideal I shall have been well repaid. I have visited Chapters where the officers were well trained, alert and attentive, who did excellent ritualistic work. I commend them for their zeal. Other Chapters were wonderfully well organized with no speck of discord to mar the harmony. But alas, and there are a few Chapters where the interest of the Companions is almost exhausted, where no one seems to care whether the Charter be repealed or held. It is lamentable, but I do admire the one or two, who with both hands grips the apparently falling torch, raises it high, and acclaims "Excelsior."

NECROLOGY

When the day is gone, when the work of life is finished, when the cold of evening meets the dusk of night, beneath the silent stars, the labourer falls asleep. How little after all, we know of what is ill or well. How little of this wondrous stream of cataracts and billows. The stream of life arises in a world unknown and flows to that mysterious sea at whose shore the feet of one who comes hath never pressed. We stand upon the verge of crumbling time. We love, we hope, we disappear. Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the lips of the unreplying there comes no word, but in the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.

While the ranks of the Grand Chapter officers have not been depleted by any having "Crossed the Bar" during the past year yet we regret to record several of our Companions have been called hence. One I must not fail to mention, V. Ex. Comp. D. L. Murison, a member of my own Chapter, and an old friend whom I had known for the past twenty years, who passed away on November 21st, 1925. Comp. Murison was a Mason in truth as well as name. By precept and example, he taught and lived the principles of Masonry. Our late Companion never sought honour or high places in the Craft, but it can be truly said that honour and position sought him. He was a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, a Past Grand Steward of this Grand Chapter, and was a valued exponent of everything masonic. He had one ambition, if ambition it can be called, and that was to perform good work, true work, square work, nay, yet such work as The Master will receive. He for whom we mourn is on the other side awaiting to welcome us, when we too, shall be exalted to the sublime Grand Chapter above.

To the Grand Jurisdictions who have also suffered grievous losses our sympathy is extended, and to those of our own Chapters who have given up by death, beloved members, we extend our condolence. The committee on Fraternal Dead will submit a subsequent detailed report for your consideration.

CHANGE OF PLACE OF MEETING.

You will recall at the last Convocation it was decided to hold this meeting of Grand Chapter at Banff. In view of a subsequent decision to hold the next communication of Grand Lodge at the same city a feeling arose that it would be unfair to hold two "Grand" meetings in the same place which according to constitution must be held in March and June respectively. After due deliberation with the officers of Grand Chapter and having received an invitation to assemble at Edmonton it was decided to hold this Convocation at the Capital City. Our appreciation is herewith expressed to all the Companions of Edmonton for entering so whole heartedly into the project.

VISITATIONS

Most courteous and urgent invitations have been extended to me by almost every Chapter in the Jurisdiction. I regret very deeply not being able to accept them all. I have been able during the year to make twenty-one official visits, have visited each District twice, and on several occasions have sat in Chapter as a "side bencher" in order to view the work from a less official aspect. To avoid duplication the details of each visit will be given by the Grand Superintendents. These "Get Together" meetings afford a splendid opportunity to meet one another and exchange sentiments of cordial regard and esteem. In all my visits I have been received and welcomed with the best of good will and feeling. I wish it were possible to enumerate some of the courteous and touching tributes that have been paid me by the Companions. The pleasant memories of these fraternal visits will long linger in my memory.

At the beginning of January I received an invitation from Mount Olivet Chapter, Fernie, B. C., to be present at their installation of officers. Having first received through our Grand Scribe E. the cordial greetings from the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal of British Columbia, I accordingly, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. Macdougall, Grand Superintendent of District No. 5, and Ex. Comp. Arthur, proceeded to Fernie and there met Most Ex. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, Past Grand First Principal and Rt. Ex. Comp. Gigerich, Grand Third Principal of The Grand Chapter of British Columbia, who were paying

an official visit to Mount Olivet Chapter. We were the recipients of most delightful courtesies and were not permitted to suffer for lack of anything which could contribute to our comfort and convenience. On repairing to the Banquet Room, I was privileged to respond to the Toast, "The Grand Chapter of Alberta." On the morrow Most Ex. Comp. Sherwin returned with us to Alberta where he very kindly installed the Kether Chapter officers at Pincher Creek in such an inspiring manner that adequate expression could not be found in words to sound the praise deserved. This event will long be remembered by the Companions of Kether Chapter as the most outstanding ceremony of their already illustrious history. We gladly welcomed Most Ex. Comp. Sherwin to our Jurisdiction and hope he will come again. Such inter-provincial visitations are all too infrequent. He left on the west, I on the east-bound train, with mutual regrets, at the end of a perfect day.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

It is with great pleasure I report that peace and harmony reign between this Grand Chapter and our Sister Jurisdictions. I trust that these fraternal relations may become more cemented with the passing years. In all cases of courtesy, a willing reciprocity has been achieved.

At different times of the year I have been in constant touch with the District Superintendents and can therefore vouch for the painstaking endeavours of each officer. I have therefore no hesitation in recommending that as a tangible evidence of their loyalty and good will, to the Royal Craft in general, that the rank of Right Excellent Companion be conferred upon each of the superintendents.

Rt. Ex. Comp. G. W. Elliott, District No. 1., Edmonton.
 Rt. Ex. Comp. A. McKee, District No. 2., Sedgewick.
 Rt. Ex. Comp. C. McPherson, District No. 3, Calgary.
 Rt. Ex. Comp. J. Cleave, District No. 4., Calgary.
 Rt. Ex. Comp. D. C. Macdougall, District No. 5, Pincher Creek.

PRESENTATIONS

Acting in accordance with the Resolution passed at our last Convocation, "That the Grand Chapter present to Most Ex. Comp. S. Y. Taylor the present regalia used by the Grand First Principal."

This suit of regalia as you all know, was the original set as worn by our first Grand First Principal, S. Y. Taylor. The resolution was carried into effect at the Chapter of Instruction at Calgary on Thursday November the 5th, 1925, when Most Ex. Comp. J. N. Rankin made the presentation. Most Ex. Comp. Taylor, overcome with emotion feelingly replied and expressed deep appreciation for so historical a gift.

"Auctor pretiosa facit."

I received a cordial invitation from Assiniboia Chapter, Medicine Hat, to be present at their twenty-fifth Anniversary, on December 17th, 1925. Elaborate preparations had been made, which well befitted the occasion. After a sumptuous banquet it was my privilege to present four of the Charter members, Companions Crawford, Becker, McKay and Burton with a Life Membership Certificate from their own Chapter. Ex. Comp. Parrish and his colleagues are to be complimented on the wonderful success of this unique gathering. During the evening splendid addresses were given by Most Ex. Comp. Norman Macleod, Rt. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironsides, Rt. Ex. Comp. Casteel and other visiting Grand Chapter officers. I briefly enumerated the excellencies of the pioneers of Assiniboia Chapter. This visit was one of the most enjoyable I have made. The kindly hospitality so richly bestowed will long be treasured in my memory.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

It became apparent at the beginning of year that there was a general desire for a system of uniformity to be instituted and maintained in conferring degrees throughout the Jurisdiction. The Royal Arch degree of course, being the climax, was the one chosen for official recognition. Arrangements were therefore made by each Grand Superintendent to hold a Chapter of Instruction in his District at which the Royal Arch degree would be exemplified. Commencing at Edmonton in District No. 1, on November the 2nd. and following each of the five Districts according to rotation the itinerary was concluded at Lethbridge, District, No. 5, on November the 6th, 1925. Every Chapter was represented at the meetings by its accredited delegates. A very successful, interesting and instructive week was therefore spent in placing before each and every District the recognized and authorized manner in which this sublime degree should be exemplified. We were indeed fortunate in having the services of the Grand Lecturer, Rt. Ex. Comp. Flan, during the whole journey. Wherever discrepancies arose either in the ritual, method or general presentation, these were carefully checked and subsequently corrected. Questions, oftentimes of an illuminating and searching nature were asked and courteously answered. Direct information from an historical, aesthetical and practical aspect was freely imparted. Inspiring addresses dealing with the intellectual, educational and spiritual phases of Capitular Masonry were given at each centre. The one theme stressed and emphasized during the itinerary was that of general uniformity, maintaining at the same time accuracy of interpretation, precision in delivery and dignity in method and procedure. If the outcome of this week of masonic education be productive of greater solidarity, continued and permanent uniformity, eagerness and attention of future candidates, then love's labour will not have been lost, but a distinct impetus will have been given to our revered order.

To Rt. Ex. Comp. Selwood we desire to express deep gratitude and appreciation for the valuable and historical addresses he so ably gave at the different meetings. Each meeting was appreciably augmented by the willing assistance of local companions. The District Superintendents worked hard and faithfully in the discharge of their onerous duties, and the Grand Second and Third Principals gave unstintingly of their time and talents. It was an extreme pleasure to have the skill and advice of the Grand Lecturer at these meetings. To him be our sincere thanks and gratitude.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Two committees were appointed at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, one to consider the question of "Ceremonials" the other to consider the revision of the Ritual. I understand reports have been prepared and will be presented to Grand Chapter. Practical experience, combined with fidelity and devotion to the best interests of the Order have been the deciding factors in their deliberations. Whatever may be incorporated in the reports, I would earnestly commend to the serious attention of all present.

OBSERVATIONS.

May I urge upon the Scribes E. of all subordinate Chapters to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest, the contents of the Constitution. By possessing a working knowledge of the rules governing the submission of the annual returns, and carrying out the prescribed method, much time would be saved and greater efficiency will be the result.

There appears to be a certain latitude given in the interpretation of various clauses in the Constitution. One Chapter was noticed to elect its officers by open nomination, another introduced innovations both in the Ritual and exemplification of the degree, many more still

persist in exposing the Ritual and reading therefrom during the conferring of degrees. The first can be remedied by knowing the Constitution; the second may be avoided by following the rulings of Grand Chapter, but no excuse can be offered for the third, other than negligence or supreme indifference.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta is supreme in its own right. Attempts have been made, oftentimes unconsciously, to introduce certain forms and ceremonies of the "York Rite" and Canadian Rite", into the working of the Chapters, some even going so far as to dogmatise on certain matters. Unless authorised by the Grand Chapter all these innovations will be strongly deprecated.

APPRECIATION

I wish at this time to make public acknowledgement of my gratitude to our Grand Scribe E., Rt. Ex. Comp. Wentzel. He has ever been at my right hand, eager to serve and has given cheerful assistance and counsel at all times. I must further express appreciation to the Grand Second and Third Principals, who so readily accompanied me, not only through the entire Province, but on several smaller journeys. No Grand Z. has ever had greater support and loyalty from the Past Grand First Principals, than it has been my pleasure to receive this year. To Rt. Ex. Comp. Cleave, I desire to express personal gratitude, for out of his versatile experience he has in many ways lightened the burden of responsibility from my own shoulders. To the other officers and Companions, who have so devotedly assisted me, I can but express my everlasting gratitude and heartfelt appreciation.

NON-ATTENDANCE

Many are complaining today that the attendance at Chapter meetings is not numerically strong, and that there is a lack of interest amongst many of the Companions. May I offer one or two suggestions wherein, I think, a remedy for these obvious backslidings may be found.

A degree conferred in a lax and slovenly manner is not likely to retain the interest of the candidate, nor yet arouse the latent desire for knowledge of the average Companion. This slackness in conferring degrees; failing to open Chapter punctually on time; regarding Capitular Masonry degrees as an avenue of approach to something else; Rituals being exposed in open Chapter, are doing more to empty our Chapters than anything I know. What member cares to sit through the ceremonies when the degree work drags, when the officers are placed in the attitude of school children striving to master some little play; when they blunder through their parts, to the disgust of the well informed and the contempt or amusement of the newly exalted.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Chapter attendance is affected to a considerable extent by the officers neglect of their duty. Some members would always attend the Convocations, while others would never be on hand in any event. But there is a large element between these extremes, that will or will not attend according as the officers show an interest, in their being present on time, and as the work moves rapidly and smoothly.

The very title of the ritual is "WORK". Why accept the privileges of office, unless we are prepared to assume proportionate responsibilities? Unless we love it and are enthusiastic about it, work is the badge of servitude and slavery. On the contrary it has been said, "Work is the weapon of honour, and he that lacks it will never prosper." Many Companions desire to have their penny a day without working even the eleventh hour. To such, their reward invariably proves an apple of Sodom; to such their reward proves to be a slack and apathetic

Chapter. It has been truly said, "There is no excellence without great labour"; and to obtain the wages of the Royal Craft, one must work and toil enthusiastically and intelligently. So shall we become Masters and Overseers of the Craft; and thus have the dying embers of our Chapters rekindled and once again award the wages of wisdom and understanding.

There are few things accomplished in life without preparation. Why destroy the Utopian conception of Royal Arch Masonry as retained on the mind of the initiates by ludicrous representations? It is an irreparable loss both to the candidate and the Craft. The focus of his receptive mind has been perverted from the sublime to the ridiculous. We cannot raise men to a higher plane than our own level; neither can we have good successful Chapters unless we are more enthusiastic ourselves. I sometimes think we are in need of a new vision, because it is of paramount importance that the candidate for exaltation be imbued with a deep sense of reverence for the order, that he may absorb all the divine lessons of humanity and thereby become a better citizen in consequence of his acceptance as a Royal Arch Mason. Therefore, Companions, be ye steadfast in your attendance at Chapter, unmovable in your enthusiasm for greater activity; always abounding in the works of fraternal love.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Chapters of Instruction be held in each District at least once every year.

That the method of electing the Grand Superintendents follow as closely as possible the procedure now adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in electing the D. D. G. M.

That all Chapters following the moon schedule for their meetings, be requested to amend their by-laws in order to make their monthly convocation a fixed date, rather than a moveable feast.

That the subordinate Chapters be requested to compile an historical register of their early beginnings, new material to be added from year to year, the same to be inspected by the Grand Superintendent on his official visit to each Chapter.

That any Chapter completing its Masonic year at mid-summer, be requested to make provision for their year to correspond to that of Grand Chapter.

That hereafter this Grand Chapter furnish the Grand First Principal with a Grand Chapter apron suitably inscribed, and that such apron become his personal property. The associations surrounding and connected with the office of Grand Z. are so sacred as to cause one to cherish and to have a deep attachment for the apron worn by him while holding his exalted office.

That in view of the desire to obtain definite information concerning Capitular Masonry and the general thirst for knowledge, which is so obviously manifest amongst so many of the Chapters, a sum of fifty dollars be set aside from the funds of Grand Chapter, for the purpose of purchasing books dealing with the Royal Craft, and thus form a nucleus of a Library. I would recommend that the books purchased remain in the keeping of the Grand Scribe E. and be sent out to the various Chapters on request. By the addition of a few volumes each year, the Grand Chapter would soon be the possessor of a valuable library.

COURTESIES FROM OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Saskatchewan.—Late in the year this Grand Chapter was asked to have Whitesand Chapter, No. 21, Canora, Sask., confer the M. E. M. and H. R. A. Degrees on Brother E. Nelson of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury. The M. E. M. Degree was conferred on February 23rd., but we have not been notified officially that he has received the H. R. A.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

Alabama.—V. E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent of Calgary.
 Georgia.—R. E. Comp. W. C. Marsh of Calgary.
 Illinois.—R. E. Comp. R. C. Rankin, of Calgary.
 Montana.—V. E. Comp. Robert Crichton of Hillcrest.
 Nevada.—V. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard of Lethbridge.
 New South Wales.—R. E. Comp. C. R. Wentzel of Calgary.
 West Virginia.—E. Comp C. W. E. Gardiner of Macleod.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Connecticut.—Comp. Frederick E. Bartholomew, Lakeville, Conn.
 Kansas.—Comp. La Velle C. Hicks, Salina, Kansas.
 Nevada.—Comp. Charles P. Hoskins, Winnemucca, Nev.
 North Carolina.—Comp. J. Edward Allen, Warrenton, N. C.
 Washington.—Comp. Alex. Frazier, Seattle, Wash.

CONFIRMED THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF

North Carolina.—R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel of High River.

IN OUR OWN GRAND CHAPTER

Appointed E. Comp. Fred N. Morriss, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED 1925

June 8th, 1925—To The Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown, to Install the Past Third Principal in the Chair of First Principal, he not having served one year in the chair of Second Principal.

July 29th, 1925—To Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller, to Install Officers out of time.

November 28th, 1925—To Assiniboia Chapter No. 3., Medicine Hat, to hold Regular meeting at 4 o'clock p.m. instead of 8.00 o'clock p.m., for election of officers, it being their 25th anniversary.

December 26th, 1925—To Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat, to Install First and Second Principals respectively, they not having served twelve months in the Second and Third Principals chairs.

December 19th, 1925—To Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation, to Install a Companion as Second Principal, he not having served twelve months in the chair of Third Principal.

December 14th, 1925—To Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary, to elect officers at an Emergent meeting to be held on Thursday the 17th day of December, their Regular night of meeting falling on Christmas Eve.

January 2nd, 1926—To Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano, to install officers out of time, to suit convenience of Grand Superintendent.

January 2nd, 1926—To Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller, to install officers out of time, to suit convenience of Grand Superintendent.

January 2nd, 1926—To Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Station, to install officers out of time.

January 30th, 1926—To Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton, to confer the M. M. and M. E. M. degrees in Stratheona Chapter rooms.

January 18th, 1926—To Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary, to elect a Scribe E. at an Emergent meeting, the Scribe E. elect having resigned.

February 5th, 1926—To Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary, to install officers out of time.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

January 28th, 1926—Refused Dispensations to Eheyeh Chapter No. 27, Drumheller, to attend service in Royal Arch Regalia.

INVITATIONS

During the year invitations were received from the following Grand Chapters to attend their Convocations:

From the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, February 3rd, 1926.

From the Grand Chapter of Canada, February 24th, 25, 1926.

From the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, on the occasion of its One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary, October 16th.

From the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado.

I regret that I was unable to accept any of these invitations.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary.

Stratheona Chapter, No. 25, So. Edmonton.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, what of the outlook? What does the past teach us? What are we doing in the present, and what shall we leave for the future?

Most of the symbolism of the Craft are very very ancient. They are taken from all sources; from the Religions of the early civilizations

of the earth; from Alchemy, Magic, the primitive Sciences, and from the philosophies of the thinkers, who worked out their problems in the morning of human culture. These symbols have been brought together and are preserved as a precious heritage in Masonry, in order that the story they tell may never be again lost.

Much that is legendary surrounds those far-off days, but behind the legend, and through the story, there runs a golden thread of truth which has never been broken. Much has been forgotten, but enough has been handed on to inspire us, even after such a lapse of time, with courage and vision. Much has been lost, as we know, but sufficient remains to make us all the keener that what we do and what we are will worthily compare with that record which our Order preserves for us from the distant past. Thus may we think of the ages that are gone, and our imagination brings us back through years that were brilliant with the deeds and lives of great Masons, through times when the Craft was possibly a greater power in the land than we are prepared to believe, and we have come through days of transition, from operative to speculative, to our own as we gather at this moment in Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

We do much to shape the future; we look onward to those days were "thought sinks broken-winged and fancy may not follow," and we trust what we are now doing will then be considered as something conceived in wisdom, and carried on in strength, to be beautiful for all times. This is a legitimate anticipation for the realisation of it depends entirely on the manner in which the traditions of Capitular Masonry are respected and upheld within this Grand Chapter.

The problems of Masonry are absorbing our entire mind and attention. The teachings of two centuries of Masonic progress has not gone for naught. Masonry is coming into its own. The question of the hour is, not how old is Freemasonry, nor how strong it is, but in the personal application of the principles taught and practised with each brother, companion and fellow creature encountered along the pathway of life. The outlook must be for the future. We must not be remiss in our duty. Let us remember at all times the pre-eminent power of the mysterious "Triple Tau." It expresses the relation of the Most High to His creation. It is representative of Body, Soul and Spirit. It shows itself as Past, Present and Future, as Faith, Hope and Love. As a Royal Arch Mason, man is ever surrounded by the irresistible influence of the "Three" and the sacred number shows his view at every step of his progress. If he consider the building on which he is engaged, he will conceive it in the POWER, the PLAN and the EXECUTION. If he ask "How will the edifice appear?" He will behold it constructed through WISDOM, supported by STRENGTH, and enhanced with BEAUTY.

He is not a Mason who is one outwardly. The formal right to display the square and compasses, the keystone, the splendid regalia with which your confidence honours us, the mere possession of signs and words—none or all these together make a Mason. If I read it aright Masonry is a spirit of which these things are convenient emblems. The reverence for God as the creator and upholder of the universe; the love of Him as the Father of our spirits; the sympathy and affection for one another as brothers; the exercise of kindness, mercy and goodness, the love of square dealing, and the hope of immortality—These I rather think are the essence of Royal Arch Masonry.

Nevertheless, I am fully convinced that the influence of Masonry is gaining a firmer hold on the hearts and minds of men. Never before did the situation of mankind call so loudly for lofty and intelligent leadership—for leaders of widened horizons and enlarged understandings.

If leaders come not from the ranks of Masonry, to whom shall we look? Let us do our part. The influence of which I speak, silently infuses itself into society, but it is none the less potent because its advent is without ostentation or blare of trumpet. Its own inherent worth commends it to mankind. It stands in need of no extraneous aids to help its progress, but moves onward and upward, steadfastly obedient to those lofty principles which furnish the guarantee of its continued and permanent success. May the day come when all men shall rightly and adequately appreciate the mission of Masonry.

The Craft stands for the betterment of the world. She is rising from her dark past into glowing glories. A century hence men will gaze upon this age and wonder how we survived the awful conditions under which we have been living, and in the marvellous transition that is now taking place. This great Order means cohesion, and conservatism not shackled, but free and aggressive; a force that makes for the well being, prosperity and moral improvement of our race.

With these purposes and ideals before us, it behooves every member of our great fraternity to seek the safeguarding of these ideals within his own bosom. The order will not safeguard them for us; we are the vaults in which the sacred obligations devolving upon us are kept. In our keeping are the principles of the Royal Arch, no proxy can carry the responsibility which is ours individually. We have stood at the altar and committed ourselves to a noble task and sacred obligations.

Shall they be forgotten amid the cares and worries of the earth—nay—but the rather let them be cherished, that they may be the noble incentives to higher efforts and more strenuous struggles, that we may raise ourselves to the great and sublime precepts of our great order.

We have risen to high rank, but the higher the standing the greater the vision and the greater the task. The better we keep the pledges of the Fraternity, the greater will she stand out before the world; the nobler will she be enabled to serve her fellow men, and the brighter will be the untarnished lustre of her glory.

Blessed be our Order. It stands for the brotherhood of man and for the home around which clusters the tenderest and best sentiments of the human heart. It is one of the mighty forces today working towards the upbuilding of the race of men; it is like the Temple of Truth standing four square to every wind that blows, its every act and principle in harmony with the highest planes of human thought and aspirations of life.

Companions, I wish I could do justice to this occasion, could dwell with lingering cadence on a retrospective of the many helpful times we have enjoyed together. But I am about to leave you, the sceptre of office will shortly be handed to my worthy successor; but I can assure you that I shall always remember the good fellows here with gratitude, and shall never cease to recall with pleasure and edification the happy times spent in the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

It is Tennyson, I think, who gives vent to my feelings while I stand here before you, he says:

I stretch lame hands of faith and grope,
Upon the world's great altar stairs
And falling with my weight of cares,
And gather dust—and—chaff—and call.

For what am I
An infant crying for the Light
With no language but a cry.

But an answer from Kipling pregnant with warning, sounds a
 peon of triumph:

When only the Master shall praise us
 And only the Master shall blame;
 And no one shall work for money and no one shall work for
 fame.
 But each for the joy of working, and each in his sepearte
 star,
 Shall draw the thing as he see it for the God of things as
 they are.

Fraternally submitted

S. H. Middleton,

Grand First Principal, R.A.M.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Jas. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E.
 Comp. W. T. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent Grand Z.
 be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

Report of Grand Second Principal

Calgary, March 10th, 1926.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal,
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir:—

It has fallen to my good fortune and privilege to have the pleasure, this last year, of visiting a goodly number of Chapters, outside of my home City of Calgary. As some of those visits were in company with you, Most Excellent Sir, I will not mention at length, anything concerning them as your address will have already acquainted Grand Chapter of these events, but will confine my remarks to the other occasions.

On March 24th, in company with R. E. Comps. W. M. McNab and G. W. Elliott, I enjoyed a pleasant evening with North Star Chapter, Edmonton, when V. E. Comp. H. C. Neal, Grand Steward, V. E. Comp. George W. Potter, Grand Junior Sojourner and V. E. Comp. H. G. Morris, Grand Steward, were invested into their respective offices of this Grand Chapter. This Chapter is one of the largest and best in Alberta and is well officered.

On May 20th, a practice of the Degrees was held when I visited Strathcona Chapter. This young Chapter is doing nobly and its members are enthusiastic.

On May 22nd, a very pleasant convocation was furnished by Capital City Chapter, Edmonton, the M.E.M. Degree being conferred in their capable fashion. One unique occurrence during the Refreshment Hour after Chapter, was the bidding farewell and wishing "bon voyage" to Comp. Wild, 3rd Principal, who was leaving for Akklivik, the Post farthest north on the Arctic Ocean, to take charge of a detachment of Royal North West Mounted Police, and who would not return for several years. This is the down town Chapter and so, convenient for visitors.

On December 9th, I accompanied R. E. Comp. Cleave on his visit to Bow Valley Chapter, Gleichen, and believe much good will result from his advice to this Chapter.

On the occasions when I accompanied you, M. E. Sir, and R. E. Comp. McNab, to the Chapters at Edmonton, Didsbury, Coronation, Killam, Wetaskiwin and Red Deer, I was much impressed with the royal welcome accorded us, and the high esteem in which Grand Chapter is held by these Chapters.

At the Chapters of Instruction at Calgary and Lethbridge, it was a source of great satisfaction to see the enthusiasm displayed by the large crowds of companions present.

The occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Assiniboia Chapter, Medicine Hat, was one of inspiration to all. Twenty-five years in the life of a Chapter is not very much, but the four Charter Members present have marked many changes in that time. This Chapter is considerably separated by distance from the other Chapters of Alberta, and it has little chance of visitations with others, but it is full of vigor,

and its influence for good in the community must be considerable; a fact which can be said of all Chapters.

Besides visits at various times to the four Calgary Chapters I was present at the Installation Ceremony of each, and witnessed the placing in office of fine groups of men, who, I am positive, will bring success, and would be a credit to any Chapter in any country. All Chapters here are doing good work, and the good fellowship existing between them all is an object of favorable comment. Thus one of the ideals of Masonry is being fully realized.

On August 15th I had the pleasure, along with R. E. Comp. Wentzel of meeting M. E. Comp. W. M. Couper, Grand Z., of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and Mrs. Couper on their way back to Montreal after a holiday trip to Banff and British Columbia.

As years pass, I believe the Chapters are thinking less about new members and increased finances, and correspondingly more of the greater objects of our Order. Masonry has firm principles on which to stand. Our ideals, uplifts a man, providing he endeavors to live up to, and carry them out in his daily life. A man who is uplifted helps to uplift others; one man's good influence aids his neighbor. And so, with the general uplift the world moves on, more and more, to understand the value of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Yours fraternally,

EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,

Grand Second Principal.

Report of Grand Third Principal

Edmonton, Alta., March 11, 1926.

To the Most Excellent, The Grand First Principal, Officers and
Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I take pleasure in submitting for your approval, my report for the year 1925, as Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In making this report I am not going into detail of the visits made to Chapters in the company of the Grand First and Second Principals, who will, no doubt, cover this ground much more ably than I can. My report then will be chiefly concerned with the Chapters in and near Edmonton.

CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER, No. 13

On the 26th of June I attended an emergent meeting of Capital City Chapter, called for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees. The M. M. M. Degree was conferred by R. E. Comp. G. S. Armstrong, the M. E. M. by Ex. Comp. Lambertson, and the R. A. Degree by Ex. Comp. Cotton. The work in each instance was very efficiently carried out, and this Chapter is to be congratulated. On the 11th of December I again visited this Chapter. On this occasion the election of officers was carried out, everything being done with dignity and smoothness, and judging by the officers then elected this Chapter is in most capable hands. On the 8th of January I was again present at a regular meeting of Capital City Chapter. At this meeting R. E. Comp. Elliott, Grand District Superintendent, made his official visit, and treated the Chapter to a very interesting address. The officers for 1926 were installed by M. E. Comp. Downey, assisted by R. E. Comp. McIntosh, V. E. Comp. A. D. Campbell, and Ex. Comp. McLean. I am very pleased to say the installation of officers was carried out in a perfect manner. Here I wish to thank the Companions of Capital City Chapter, to which I have the honor to belong, for their presentation to me on December 11th of the regalia of a Past District Grand Superintendent.

NORWOOD CHAPTER No. 18

On December 29th I attended an emergent meeting of Norwood Chapter. This meeting was called for the purpose of conferring the M. M. M. Degree, the M. E. M. Degree and the R. A. Degree. I had the very great pleasure of assisting in this work along with Ex. Comps. Cotton and Lambertson. R. E. Comp. J. J. Green conferred the Royal Arch degree. This meeting was well attended. After the conferring of degrees the Chapter was closed and the Companions gathered in the banquet hall, where several short addresses were given by some of the Companions present. I wish here to express regret that the meetings of Norwood Chapter and those of Ivanhoe Craft Lodge were on the same nights, and as I am one of those who helped get this Lodge under way I could not be absent from Ivanhoe too many meetings, so I was denied the pleasure of being at more meetings of Norwood Chapter.

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, No. 2

On June 9th, I attended the Convocation of North Star Chapter. This convocation was marked by the official visit of the Grand First Principal. All Chapters in the district were represented, and the general opinion among the Companions is that this was one of the best convocations ever held in the City of Edmonton. Ex. Comp. Baxter conferred the R. A. degree. The conferring of this degree was done without fault or error. As well as the Grand First Principal this convocation was graced by the presence of M. E. Comp. Downey, M. E. Comp. G. B. McLeod, R. E. Comps. McIntosh, Elliott, Green and Morrison, also V. E. Comps. Potter and Neal. R. E. Comp. Ironside and Elliott made an official visit to North Star Chapter on March 24th. I had the pleasure of also being present on this occasion. E. Comps. Ironside and Elliott presented the Grand Chapter regalia to V. E. Comps. Neal, Potter and Morris. After the presentations R. E. Comps. Ironside and Elliott made short and interesting addresses. On December 8th. I again attended North Star Chapter and had the honor of assisting in the installation of the officers for 1926. The installation was carried out by R. E. Comp. Elliott and Ex. Comp. McLean.

STRATHCONA CHAPTER, No. 25

I attended Strathcona Chapter No. 25 on March 18th. The R. A. degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Thomas Bull, assisted by V. E. Comps. Neal and Sandilands. The attendance was good, and the work evidenced great care in preparation. The conferring of the degree was impressively done. On the 6th of May I again visited this Chapter, when the R. A. Degree was again conferred by Ex. Comp. Bull, this time assisted by Ex. Comps. Sandilands and Booth, and again the work of these Companions was beyond reproach. M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod and R. E. Comp. G. W. Elliott were in attendance, both giving very interesting addresses. Again on the 3rd of June I was present at the above Chapter, when the officers for 1926 were elected. R. E. Comp. Armstrong and Ex. Comp. Cotton and Lambertson assisted. On November 18th I was present at an emergent meeting of Strathcona Chapter. Ex. Comp. Robinson conferred the M. M. Degree at this meeting. I wish to stress the fact that Comp. Robinson conferred this degree in such a fine manner that it will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been present at this meeting.

VERMILION CHAPTER No. 14

In company with R. E. Comp. Elliott, Grand District Superintendent of District No. 1, I visited Vermilion Chapter on March 9th. The M. E. M. and R. A. Degrees were conferred by this Chapter. R. E. Comp. Elliott gave a very fine address. The work of this Chapter was carried out in a very able manner, and words fail me to express my thanks for the very warm welcome extended to us by this Chapter.

At the request of the Grand First Principal I had the honor of accompanying him, and the Grand Second Principal, to a Chapter of Instruction, held on November the third, at Edmonton, for District No. 1, in Norwood Chapter Room, and to another Chapter of Instruction for District No. 2, held at Killam, on November 4th and to another Chapter of Instruction for Districts Nos. 3 and 4, held in Calgary on the 5th of November, and again to another Chapter of Instruction on the 6th of November, at Lethbridge. In regard to these Chapters of Instruction, I have nothing further to add, as these will be taken care of in the Grand First Principal's address.

In concluding my report I wish to just mention the Emergent Convocations which I attended in company of the Grand First and Second Principals. These convocations will be dealt with by the Grand First Principal in his address:

July 20th.—Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, at Didsbury.

July 21st.—Coronation Chapter No. 23, at Coronation.

July 22nd.—Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, at Killam.

July 23rd.—Mount Horeb Chapter, at Wetaskiwin.

July 24th.—Keystone Chapter at Red Deer.

In closing, I beg to thank the Officers and Companions of the various Chapters in the District for the many and great kindnesses I have experienced during the past year at their hands.

Yours fraternally,

W. McNAB,

Grand Third Principal.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Second and Third Principals be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and Telegrams, expressing their regrets at not being able to attend this Grand Convocation were received from the following:

M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor and R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, all wishing we have a successful meeting and that our deliberations be of a most harmonious and progressive nature.

R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, notifying us that the Grand Z. of British Columbia would be represented by M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, and expressing the best wishes of the M. E. Grand Z. for the happiness and prosperity of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, Representative of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal of British Columbia, advising that he would be present.

R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

M. E. Comp. Chas. A. Conover, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Ex. Comp. P. D. Stone, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

And the following Grand Foreign Representatives:

J. W. Prescott.....	British Columbia
F. H. Northup ...	Nova Scotia
J. K. Brydon.....	Ontario
Chas. H. King.....	California
J. W. Macklem.....	Delaware
A. J. Schattgen.....	Illinois
H. O. Perry	Maryland
T. E. Moody	Mississippi
J. E. Allen.....	North Carolina
W. R. Reed	North Dakota
C. P. Hoskins.....	Nevada
I. Stafford.....	Ohio
E. P. Gallup.....	Oklahoma
A. Frazier.....	Washington
L. G. Kincheloe	West Virginia

conveying the sincere hearty greetings of their respective Grand Chapters, their appreciation of the system of fraternity brought about by the exchange of Representatives, and of their willingness to be of service to us if required.

RESOLVED, On Motion of R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, that Correspondence be filed.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Cleave, it was

RESOLVED, That Fraternal Greetings be conveyed to M. E. Comps. J. E. Johnson, Robt. Patterson and N. T. Macleod, and that a letter of Fraternal sympathy and a bouquet of flowers be sent to M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor now in the Holy Cross Hospital.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That acknowledgement be sent to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, of their introduction of M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, and our pleasure at his presence.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT NO. 1

Edmonton, March 10th, 1926.

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and
Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your approval, my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

In the above District, Capitular Masonry is in a healthy condition, and the work is being carried on in strict accordance with Grand Chapter regulations.

The Officers of the several Chapters are well skilled, and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and, although the attendance in some instances is not all that might be desired, good work is being accomplished and progress made.

I found the books and accounts in all the Chapters well kept, and in good order.

During my year of office, I visited each Chapter once officially, and each month made one or more unofficial visits.

My first official duty was, on March 24th to invest three of the appointed Grand Chapter Officers with their Regalia of office, viz.: V. E. Comp. Potter, Grand Jr. Sojourner; and V. E. Comps. Harry Neale and Harry Morris, Grand Stewards.

On June 9th I had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand First Principal on his official visit to North Star Chapter, No. 2.

On this occasion there were present besides the Grand First Principal, six Past Grand First Principals, and a number of other Grand Chapter officers. The H. R. A. Degree was conferred, after which Most Excellent Companion Middleton gave a very interesting and instructive address which was greatly appreciated by the Companions present.

On September 2nd I visited Strathcona Chapter No. 25 and assisted M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey to instal and invest the Officers of that Chapter for the ensuing year.

On October 15th I paid an official visit to Norwood Chapter, No. 18, when the H. R. A. Degree was conferred in a very able and impressive manner, all the officers having their work well prepared. V. E. Comp. Davis acting First Principal.

I have, on several other occasions, seen degrees conferred by this Chapter, always in the same impressive manner.

On November 2nd a Chapter of Instruction was held in Norwood Chapter Rooms. On this occasion we were honored with the presence of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, also

the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan. All five Chapters of District No. 1 were represented, and the H. R. A. Degree conferred on several candidates, the various offices being filled by officers of the four Edmonton Chapters, Ex. Comp. Sandilands of Strathcona Chapter acting First Principal. Following the conferring of the degree, M. E. Comp. Middleton, Grand First Principal, gave a most inspiring and edifying address to the Companions present. The Grand Lecturer gave some instructive criticism of the work of the degree, and also answered a number of questions pertaining to the work. At a banquet which followed, M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey gave an interesting address on Capital Masonry. Short addresses were also given by other Grand Chapter Officers, including Past Grand Z.'s W. T. Coote and G. B. McLeod.

On November 25th, District No. 1 suffered a distinct loss in the death of R. E. Comp. R. C. MacDonald, Past Grand Dist. Supt. Our late Companion MacDonald was a faithful and zealous member of our order, having the interests of Masonry always at heart, and his words of council and advice to the younger members of the craft were of real and lasting benefit.

On December 8th I had the pleasure of installing and investing the officers of my own Chapter, North Star No. 2, with the kind assistance of R. E. Comp. W. McNab and Ex. Comp. D. McLean of Capital City Chapter.

On February 23rd I visited this Chapter officially when the H. R. A. Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. M. Robbins and his officers. I was accompanied by V. E. Comp. Harry Neale, Grand Steward. There was the largest attendance I have seen at this Chapter for some time, and future prospects for this Chapter appear to be good.

On January 8th I made an official visit to Capital City Chapter No. 13 and witnessed the installation and investiture of the officers by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey. There were no degrees conferred at this meeting, but I had seen the work of the degrees on several occasions in this Chapter, and, as usual it was up to the high standard characteristic of Capital City Chapter.

On January 20th I paid an official visit to Strathcona Chapter No. 25, when the H. R. A. Degree was conferred by E. Comp. Sandilands and his officers. The officers of this Chapter are keen, enthusiastic, and well up in the work, and I consider the work as exemplified by this, the youngest Chapter in the District, second to none therein. The future of this Chapter appears particularly bright.

On March the 9th, accompanied by R. E. Comp. W. McNab, I visited Vermilion Chapter No. 14 where a very hearty welcome was extended to us by the Companions.

The M. E. M. and H. R. A. Degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. R. H. Norton, First Principal, and his officers. The officers and members of this Chapter are taking a real interest in the work, and prospects for the future success of the Chapter seem to be good. A spirit of good fellowship and co-operation is evident. At the request of the First Principal, I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the Chapter, a Past First Principal's Regalia to Ex. Comp. John Selkirk. After the Chapter was closed we were right royally entertained at a banquet at the Vermilion Hotel, where a very pleasant social hour or two was spent, many of the Companions remaining until the departure of our train at 2:00 a.m.

Enquiries have been received from Companions living in the northerly portions of the District in regard to the formation of new Chapters, and while the time may not be opportune it is only a question of time until, with the settling up of these portions of the District, openings for new Chapters will present themselves.

I am pleased to note the spirit of harmony prevailing throughout the District, and the general uniformity of the work.

In conclusion, I wish to gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies extended to me by all the officers and companions of the district during my term of office, also the assistance on many occasions of my good friend and Companion R. E. Comp. Wm. McNab, Grand Third Principal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. ELLIOTT,

Grand Supt. District No. 1

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1925

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E. M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
North Star	2	Edmonton	10	5	20	\$4.00	221	0	1	7	3	4	5	5	5	213	18	158.40	\$1,235.55	\$ 788.37	\$ 320.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	fair	C
Capital City	13	Edmonton	10	4	30	(\$5.00)	234	1	1	3	0	2	7	8	8	238	32	Nil	1,906.24	946.83	160.00	700.00	150.00	fair	C
Vermilion	14	Vermilion	12		11	\$5.00	80	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	80	40	100.00	292.25	300.00	401.00	300.00	—	good	3
Norwood	18	Edmonton	10	11	22	(\$5.00)	93	0	0	0	4	0	11	11	11	100	13	Nil	346.85	800.00	240.50	800.00	24.75	good	C
Stratheona	25	Edmonton South	10	9	23	\$5.00	46	0	0	2	1	0	10	10	9	53	4	Nil	123.95	430.00	116.50	500.00	30.25	good	C

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 2

Sedgewick, February 26, 1926.

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In presenting to you my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in District No. 2, I may state that the Chapters are all in good shape financially, the books are in excellent condition and well kept. The Registers of each show that, although some meetings were small in attendance, the average was fair.

On July 21st I visited Coronation Chapter No. 23, accompanied by Ex. Comp. F. W. Tye, who motored us the 60 miles across country, and Comp. S. T. Smith. The occasion being also a visit of the three Grand Principals of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, M. E. Comp. Middleton, Grand Z., R. E. Comp. Ironsides, Grand H., and R. E. Comp. McNab, Grand J. I think that I can safely say that this was the first occasion where the Grand Council were all present in the history of District No. 2. There being no degree work, the Chapter was given over to instruction and questions by the Grand First Principal. The questions were ably answered by R. E. Comp. McNab. Addresses were given by all Grand Chapter Officers who expressed themselves desirous of having a uniformity of work throughout the district. I might state here that we had the honour of the company of the Grand Council home with us.

On July 22nd I visited Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17 at Killam. This is my home Chapter. We were again favored by the presence of the three Grand Principals. This convocation was attended by a large number of companions who greatly appreciated the benefit and instruction they received in respect to Capitular Masonry.

On November 4th I held a Chapter of Instruction at Killam. It being decided as a convenient place for those along the eastern portion of the district. The weather and roads were such that we could not expect a large attendance although some drove over sixty miles and stated that they were well paid by the excellent addresses given by Most Ex. Comp. Middleton and R. E. Comp. Selwood. The degree of H. R. A. was exemplified by Mount Olivet Chapter. A banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star after which a social evening was spent. I might mention that the address given by R. E. Comp. Selwood, on the origin of R. A. Masonry, was a masterpiece and must have taken a great amount of thought and time.

On November 4th I visited Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6 at Wetaskiwin. I was pleased with the reception given me, being met at the depot by R. E. Comp. Wallace, S.E. of their Chapter. I spent the afternoon visiting the Companions and was extended the hand of good fellowship by all. Unfortunately there was not any work at the meeting. The business was conducted well. The reports of the Companions who attended the Chapter of Instruction at Killam each gave a report in a very interesting manner. They each stated having received much good by being present as well as having a very enjoyable time. In my remarks I stated that the only fault I could find was the lack of attendance and exhorted them to do better. I was agreeably surprised to find on looking over the minutes of a previous meeting, a Companion had given a paper on R. A. Masonry. I feel that Mount

Horeb Chapter is greatly indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Wallace, whom I know to be outstanding in his attendance and interest in R. A. Masonry. After the meeting the Companions gathered around the banqueting table at the hotel.

On February 23 I visited Keystone Chapter No. 12 at Red Deer and received a very cordial welcome from the Companions who extended the hand of goodfellowship during my pleasant stay in their town. Keystone Chapter has very excellent quarters. Their books are both neatly and well kept. The M. M. and M. E. M. Degrees were exemplified to the credit of the Officers and Companions of the Chapter, several Past Principals taking part. In my remarks I pointed out the necessity of a good attendance at Grand Chapter at Edmonton, thereby showing their appreciation of the zealous work of the Grand Chapter officers. Several companions motored down from Lacombe. A very enjoyable time was spent by the Companions around the banquet table after the close.

Yours fraternally,

ALEX M. McKEE,

Grand Supt. District No. 2

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1925

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Mount Horeb..	6	Wetaskiwin.....	8	1	12	\$3.00	84	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	83	33	Nil	\$ 752.68	\$600.00	\$ 162.75	\$ 480.00	—	—	—	good	3
Keystone.....	12	Red Deer.....	10	—	12	\$3.00	140	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	11	149	88	63.00	2,209.83	459.55	560.25	800.00	25.00	—	—	good	8
Mount Olivet..	17	Killam..	8	—	18	\$5.00	79	1	0	1	0	0	5	5	5	84	61	Nil	350.00	500.00	1,077.00	300.00	—	—	—	good	12
Coronation....	23	Coronation	9	2	16	\$6.00	47	1	0	1	0	1	5	5	4	51	24	68.87	403.10	758.45	253.00	450.00	12.75	—	—	good	3

DISTRICT No. 3

To the Most Excellent, The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

I have visited all Chapters officially once, and some unofficially several times. Capitular Masonry is in a healthy condition generally. Some Chapters making more progress numerically than others. The Officers all prove to be efficient, and the prospects seem brighter for the coming year.

On March 23rd I had the pleasure of accompanying the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on his official visit to Alberta Chapter No. 1, where a large class of candidates were exalted to the H. R. A. Degree by Ex. Comp. Wright and officers in an excellent manner.

On May 13th I visited Calgary Chapter No. 11, where I witnessed the H. R. A. Degree conferred by the Past Principals in a splendid manner. Ex. Comp. D. Garnes, I.P.Z., occupying the First Principals chair.

On September 22nd, accompanied by R. E. Comps. Flan, Wentzel and Rankin, V. E. Comp. Ritchie, and E. Comps. Casey, Day and Rounce, of Crescent Chapter No. 24, I visited Golden West Chapter No. 5, at High River. There was no degree work, but considerable time was taken up in discussing various features of the work, after which we repaired to the banquet room where we were entertained at the fourth degree in the usual manner for which this Chapter is famous. This Chapter is to be congratulated on the very efficient Scribe E. who not only keeps his records in a first class condition, but relieves the other officers of a great amount of detail.

Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Rounce I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter No. 22, Didsbury on October 7th. On account of the bad condition of the roads the attendance was not as large as usual. The M. E. M. Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Freeman and officers in a very creditable manner. After a light lunch we spent a very pleasant evening with the Companions of the Chapter who are noted for their hospitality.

On November 5th a joint Chapter of Instruction for Districts 3 and 4, was held in the Masonic Temple at Calgary. At the afternoon session the M. M. Degree was conferred by Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and the M. E. M. Degree by Alberta Chapter No. 1, both of Calgary, in their usual efficient and high standard of work. R. E. Comp. Flan, Grand Lecturer making the necessary criticisms. At the evening session the H. R. A. Degree was conferred in an impressive manner by Calgary Chapter No. 11, Ex. Comp. Andy Davison in the chair. The criticism being made by R. E. Comp. Flan on this work being very brief. The feature of the evening being an address on the Holy Royal Arch Degree, by M. E. Comp. Middleton, Grand Z., which was highly appreciated by those whose good fortune it was to be present. A banquet brought to a close one of the best Chapters of Instruction ever held in Calgary. As Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, I appreciate the attendance of representatives from every Chapter in the District.

Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Rounce, I visited Banff Chapter No. 20, on November 13th, where the officers exemplified for my approval the M. M. M. Degree, Ex. Comp. Ward occupying the chair. After the Degree work we repaired to the banquet room where a pleasant evening was brought to a close with song and readings.

I had the pleasure of visiting High River Chapter No. 5, on November 24th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Rounce and other Companions of Crescent Chapter, when the H. R. A. Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Noble and his officers in a splendid manner.

Assisted by R. E. Comps. Black and Wentzel, and V. E. Comp. Brown, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Calgary Chapter No. 11, on January 13th. This Chapter is well officered, and the prospects are bright for the current year. After the installation a banquet was provided by the companions, when we were entertained by speeches and song. On this occasion I was accompanied by R.E. Comps. Ironside, Flan and Cleave.

Accompanied by R. E. Comps. Ironside and Flan, I installed the officers of Crescent Chapter No. 24, assisted by R. E. Comps. Black and Rankin, and V. E. Comp. Chesney, on January 21st. This being the annual Ladies night, after the ceremonies were concluded in the chapter room, we repaired to the banquet room where entertainment was provided, which brought to a close a very enjoyable and profitable evening.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to the officers and members of the several chapters for the many kindnesses received at their hands, and for the honour conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. MacPHERSON,
Grand Supt. District No. 3.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Golden West..	5	High River.....	10	3	22	\$3.00	136	1	0	1	0	1	6	6	6	141	40	Nil	\$1,665.21	\$ 456.55	\$526.75	\$ 600.00	—	—	good	5
Calgary.....	11	Calgary.....	11	4	38	4.00	109	0	0	4	2	1	2	3	4	104	20	109.41	318.39	564.30	85.00	500.00	25.00	fair	C	
Banff.....	20	Banff.....	7	0	15	5.00	54	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	57	5	Nil	1,052.52	200.00	42.10	100.00	—	—	good	1
Joseph Stauffer	22	Didsbury.....	8	1	13	5.00	72	0	0	4	0	0	3	2	2	71	23	Nil	280.00	500.00	294.00	500.00	—	—	fair	7
Crescent.....	24	Calgary.....	9	2	20	4.00	122	0	0	5	2	1	2	2	1	118	3	Nil	—	—	100.00	750.00	—	—	good	C

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 4

Calgary, Alberta, March 12th, 1926.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It gives me much pleasure to report to you in connection with the various Chapters in District No. 4. I have visited all the Chapters on several occasions, with two exceptions, viz.: Bow Valley Chapter No. 10 and Hiram Chapter No. 19. I was able to make only one visit to these two Chapters. I am pleased to state that I found in most cases a very healthy condition; satisfactory progress being made, degrees being exemplified in an excellent manner, books of the Scribe E. in good order and splendid harmony prevailing. I noted however, a large amount of dues outstanding in some of the Chapters.

My report covers each Chapter separately, as follows:

ALBERTA CHAPTER No. 1

On March 23rd I had the pleasure, with several other Grand Chapter officers, of accompanying M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton on his official visit to Alberta Chapter No. 1, and witnessed the H. R. A. Degree conferred upon a class of several candidates by Ex. Comp. V. W. Wright. M. E. Comp. Middleton then addressed the meeting, and spoke very highly on the way the degree had been exemplified, and also referred to some innovations which I am glad to report have been discontinued since this meeting. We also received from M. E. Comp. Middleton a very inspiring address which I am sure was enjoyed by all the Companions present. I would also like to mention the splendid attendance from the various Calgary Chapters. At the close of the Chapter a very pleasant time was spent at a banquet which brought to a close a very successful evening.

On November 9th I paid an official visit to this Chapter and received a very cordial reception, when I had the pleasure of witnessing the H. R. A. Degree exemplified in a very efficient manner by Ex. Comp. W. W. Pratt.

On December 14th I was again present at a regular meeting and the Election of Officers. I regret that I was unable to be present at the Installation Ceremony on the evening of January 11th.

On January 25th I paid my final official visit and witnessed the H. R. A. Degree conferred on four candidates by Ex. Comp. F. J. Hand, the degree being exemplified in a most creditable manner. The Chapter has a splendid set of officers and is in a very healthy condition. Ex. Comp. V. W. Wright and his Officers are to be congratulated on having had a very successful year.

OTUSKWAN CHAPTER No. 9

On April 2nd I paid my first official visit to Otuskwana Chapter No. 9, and witnessed the conferring of the M. E. M. Degree on four candidates by Ex. Comp. J. V. Follett. Same was exemplified in an impressive manner. The attendance was very good. At the close of the meeting a pleasant time was spent in the form of a banquet.

On December 17th I had the pleasure of conferring the H. R. A. Degree on four candidates; the Mystical Lecture being given by Ex. Comp. Carr.

On January 7th I had the pleasure of assisting R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan install the officers for the ensuing year. The ceremony was a very impressive one; the attendance was particularly good, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all the Companions present.

On March 4th I paid my final official visit, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. M. Degree on a class of five candidates; the work being exemplified by Ex. Comp. P. A. Moncrieff. The attendance was good and a pleasant evening was much enjoyed by all the Companions present.

I have the honor of being a member of this Chapter and have attended all the meetings with one exception, and can speak very highly of the way in which same has been conducted by Ex. Comp. F. V. Truesdale and his officers. This Chapter has a splendid Scribe E. who attends to all his duties in a very efficient manner. The books are always up to date and in perfect order, which is a great assistance to the First Principal.

STRATHMORE CHAPTER No. 21

On April 16th, 1925, I paid my first official visit to Strathmore Chapter No. 21 and witnessed the M. E. M. Degree conferred by Ex. Comp. O. G. Craig, and the H. R. A. Degree by V. E. Comp. John Taylor; both of these degrees being exemplified in a very creditable manner. On November 12th I again visited this Chapter when the M. M. M. and the M. E. M. Degrees were conferred on two candidates by V. E. Comp. John Taylor.

On December 10th I visited this Chapter accompanied by a large number of Calgary Companions and had the pleasure of conferring the H. R. A. Degree on two candidates, assisted by Companions from Calgary Chapters. Following the degree work the Election of the Officers took place for the ensuing year. At the close of the meeting we spent a pleasant time at a banquet.

On January 14th, 1926, accompanied by about thirty (30) Companions from Calgary, I visited this Chapter; it being a regular meeting and the Installation of the Officers, the Installing Officer being R. E. Comp. Flan, Grand Lecturer. The Installation Ceremony was impressive and enjoyed very much by all the Companions present. At the close of the meeting a banquet was held when the Companions had the pleasure of listening to a splendid address given by Ex. Comp. Mayor Webster, of Calgary, R. E. Comp. Flan and others.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21 has been very unfortunate in having several of the officers and companions removed from their district this last year or two. However, in face of all these difficulties they are doing very nicely. The books of Scribe E. appeared to be in good shape. I would also like to mention that the Calgary Companions have given splendid support to this Chapter, and have promised to continue to do so, and I wish to extend my appreciation to all the Companions who accompanied me on my several visits to this Chapter.

I regret having to mention that Ex. Comp. A. B. Foote was unable to attend to his duties as First Principal; he having left Strathmore District. However, it must not be overlooked that he did splendid work for the Chapter previous to his leaving.

HARMONY CHAPTER No. 26

On May 20th I paid an official visit to Harmony Chapter No. 26, accompanied by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock and several other Companions. and we received a very cordial reception. It was a regular meeting of the Chapter, followed by the H. R. A. Degree. Ex. Comp. George H. Travis exemplified the work in a very impressive and interesting manner. The Chapter being duly closed we had the pleasure of being entertained at a banquet and a very enjoyable time was spent. R. E. Comps. Flan and Peacock gave very interesting addresses which brought to a close a very profitable evening.

On Wednesday, December 16th, I again visited this Chapter accompanied by Ex. Comp. A. Carr, and witnessed the Royal Arch Degree exemplified by Ex. Comp. Travis. The Degree was impressively conferred, showing the keen interest the Officers are taking in their work. At this meeting the Election of Officers also took place for the year 1926. The books of Scribe E are in excellent shape and I am pleased to report that this young Chapter is making great progress and keeping up the high standard set by R. E. Comp. H. Stainsleigh, I.P.Z.

On January 6th I was again present, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Flan and Ex. Comp. Carr, and had the pleasure of assisting R. E. Comp. Flan install the officers for the ensuing year; the ceremony being put on in an excellent manner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. It has been a pleasure to visit Harmony Chapter No. 26 and to note the splendid interest the officers and companions are taking in their Chapter. I also wish to mention a very good attendance at all their meetings this past year, and that the Chapter is in a very healthy condition.

HIRAM CHAPTER No. 19

On June 8th I visited Hiram Chapter No. 19, Youngstown, accompanied by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, and we received a very cordial reception from R. E. Comp. Oliver Cowin, Officers and Companions of the Chapter. It being a regular meeting and the Installation of the Officers. R. E. Comp. Flan installed the officers, assisted by R. E. Comp. Cowin, in a very impressive manner. After the Installation Ceremony I had the pleasure of witnessing the R. A. Degree conferred on two candidates; the work being impressively exemplified by R. E. Comp. Cowin. The books appeared to be in nice shape and the Chapter in a healthy condition. I have to report that this Chapter has a large amount of dues very much in arrears. At the close of the meeting a very pleasant time was spent at the banquet table.

EHEYEH CHAPTER No. 27

On July 25th I had the pleasure of accompanying M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, Grand First Principal, on his official visit to Eheyeh Chapter No. 27, Drumheller, Grand Chapter Officers and Companions who also accompanied us being R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. C. R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., Ex. Comp. V. W. Wright and Comp. James Cottom. An emergent convocation had been called by myself as Superintendent, owing to Ex. Comp. J. M. McCulloch having left the Jurisdiction. The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving an official visit from the Grand First Principal, consecrating and dedicating the Chapter and the Installation of Officers for the year 1925. At 8 p.m. the Chapter was opened promptly when M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton was received and accorded Grand

Chapter honors, and a very hearty reception. M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton then proceeded with the Ceremony of Consecrating and Dedicating the Chapter, assisted by the Grand Chapter Officers and Companions of the Chapter. This Ceremony was very impressive and much enjoyed by all the Companions and will long be remembered.

R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan then installed the Officers in his usual efficient manner. After a few remarks of appreciation by Ex. Comp. A. E. Lockerbie, newly installed First Principal, on behalf of the Officers and Companions of the Chapter, and from the Grand Chapter Officers, Ex. Comp. Lockerbie called on M. E. Comp. Middleton, when we had the pleasure of listening to a very inspiring address on the teachings of Masonry. The Chapter was then closed and we were entertained at a banquet which brought to a close a very successful convocation.

On November 20th I paid an official visit to this Chapter accompanied by Ex. Comp. A. Carr, and witnessed the M. M. M. Degree conferred on two candidates by V. E. Comp. J. Hughes; the work being exemplified in a very creditable manner. I also examined the books of the Scribe E and found them all in good order. There was a good attendance at this meeting.

On January 8th I again visited Eheyeh Chapter accompanied by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan and E. Comp. A. Carr, and had the pleasure of assisting R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan install the Officers for the ensuing year; the ceremony being exemplified in a very instructive manner. We had a splendid attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

In closing my report in regard to Eheyeh Chapter No. 27 I would mention that this Chapter has had a very unfortunate year through losing Ex. Comps. J. M. McCulloch, J. O. E. Holden, A. E. Lockerbie and other officers, and although having these difficulties to face at different times during the year, this Chapter has made splendid progress, and V. E. Comp. J. Hughes, R. E. Comp. C. H. Fitzsimmons, the Officers and Companions are to be congratulated on the keen interest they have taken, and it gives me great pleasure to report that this young Chapter has a splendid set of Officers, and I feel certain that 1926 will be a banner year. I regret having to state that Ex. Comp. Lockerbie was unable to attend any of the meetings after he was installed as First Principal on July 25th, he having been removed to Winnipeg. Ex. Comp. Lockerbie took great interest in the Chapter from its inception, and it is very unfortunate that he was unable to complete the year as First Principal.

The By laws of this Chapter have been approved by the First Grand Principal, and are now in the Chapter's possession.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, DISTRICTS Nos. 3 and 4

On Thursday, November 5th, a Chapter of Instruction was held in Calgary by Districts Nos. 3 and 4, arrangements having been made on behalf of all the Chapters in the two Districts to honor the official visit of M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, Grand First Principal.

At 2:30 p.m. the M. M. M. Degree was conferred by Otuskwan Chapter No. 9, Ex. Comp. J. C. Spence in the chair. The Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. At 4 p.m. the M. E. M. Degree was conferred by Alberta Chapter No. 1, by Ex. Comp. V. W. Wright and his Officers, very efficiently.

At 7:30 p.m. the Chapter was opened by Otuskwan Chapter No. 9 when the Grand Superintendents of Districts Nos. 3 and 4 were received and accorded Grand Chapter honors. I then took charge of the meeting and had the honor of receiving and welcoming M. E. Comp. Middleton, Grand First Principal, on this, his official visit,

accompanied by a large number of Grand Chapter Officers. He was accorded Grand Chapter honors, and a splendid reception. At 8:20 p.m. Ex. Comp. A. Davison and his Officers of Calgary Chapter No. 11 took charge of the meeting and exemplified the H. R. A. Degree in a very instructive and impressive manner. I am also pleased to mention that R. Ex. Comp. J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, was present and witnessed the conferring of the three Degrees and spoke very highly on the very impressive way the Degrees had been exemplified and stated that he had very little criticism to make. He also answered many questions on the work during the afternoon and evening meetings.

R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson, Grand Superintendent, District No. 3, assuming the chair, in a few well chosen remarks, asked M. E. Comp. Middleton to address the meeting. M. E. Comp. Middleton then gave a very inspiring and instructive address which was thoroughly enjoyed. I am also pleased to report a splendid attendance. The Chapter was duly closed, after which a very pleasant time was spent at a banquet which brought to a close a very successful meeting.

BOW VALLEY CHAPTER No. 10

I visited Bow Valley Chapter No. 10 on November 11th, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Flan, Grand Lecturer. R. E. Comp. Ironsides, Grand Second Principal, R. E. Comp. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Pratt and Ex. Comp. Carr.

It was very disappointing that only a few Companions turned out for this meeting, in fact not a sufficient number to open the Chapter. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. F. Ferguson was unable to be present. However, after waiting until about 10 o'clock it was decided that we would open the Chapter with the assistance of the Ex. Companions who had accompanied me on my visit, for the purpose of having a general talk. After hearing from R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates who was acting as First Principal, V. E. Comp. MacLean, Ex. Comp. Brown, Ex. Comp. McBean and other Companions of Bow Valley Chapter with reference to the lack of interest being taken by the Companions this last few months, and the meeting being addressed by myself and other Grand Chapter Officers who had visited with me, it was decided by the Companions that they would immediately get together and endeavor to improve the Chapter's present condition. I am pleased to report some improvement since my visit.

I also learned that only two regular meetings had been held previous to my official visit, as follows: One regular meeting in February, and one in May. I examined the Scribe E's books and found them in good order.

I was very sorry that I was unable to again visit this Chapter.

In conclusion I would mention that I have endeavored to discharge the duties as Superintendent to the best of my ability at all times. My year of office has certainly been one of pleasure, and the many pleasant visits I have had will long be remembered. I wish particularly to thank the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan for the splendid support he has so readily given me in carrying out the duties of my office and for accompanying me on nearly every visit. Also Ex. Comp. Carr and all the other Companions who so kindly accompanied me on my official visits.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Officers and Companions of District No. 4 for the honor conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES CLEAVE,
Grand Supt. District No. 4

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Alberta.....	1	Calgary.....	10	9	54	\$4.00	252	20	4	7	0	3	38	38	36	303	11	\$623.79	2,424.82	\$750.40	\$203.00	—	—	—	good	C
Otuskwan.....	9	Calgary.....	11	3	33	4.00	150	0	0	4	5	1	8	8	8	148	1	Nil	1,288.35	746.50	141.00	900.00	35.70	—	good	C
Bow Valley.....	10	Gleichen.....	4	—	9	6.00	70	0	0	2	17	0	0	0	0	51	17	15.00	322.50	450.00	377.00	375.00	—	—	fair	1
The Hiram.....	19	Youngstown	8	—	13	6.00	99	1	0	3	0	0	2	2	1	99	51	Nil	1,760.00	400.00	1,078.00	300.00	—	—	fair	5
Strathmore.....	21	Strathmore	9	—	16	6.00	47	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	50	17	Nil	—	—	280.00	—	—	—	fair	3
Harmony	26	Bassano.....	10	1	23	6.00	41	2	0	0	0	0	11	11	13	56	3	28.50	347.45	537.81	21.50	800.00	30.00	—	good	4
Ehneyeh.....	27	Drumbeller.....	11	7	21	3.00	48	2	0	2	0	1	9	9	5	56	15	42.00	—	—	48.00	—	—	32.75	Good	5

“C”—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 5

Pincher Creek, Alta., March 12, 1926.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Royal Arch Masons.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It affords me great pleasure to submit my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5 of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, at this, its Twelfth Annual Convocation.

After my election to the honorable office of District Superintendent, I conferred with officers of some of the Chapters in this District and we concluded that much benefit as well as pleasure could be obtained by an exchange of work among the Chapters. Comp. Boag, S.E., of Kether Chapter, kindly consented to obtain the opinions of the Chapters. Favorable replies were received from Shekinah No. 4, Bekah No. 7, Kether No. 8 and Hillvue No. 15. Assiniboia No. 3 expressed their appreciation of the principle but that distance made it impracticable. No reply was received from Tau Cross No. 16.

On May 22, 1925, Hillvue Chapter No. 15 visited Kether No. 8 and exemplified the M. M. M. Degree in the most impressive manner I have had the privilege of observing.

On August 14, Shekinah No. 4, visited Kether No. 8 and exemplified the R. A. Degree in a most creditable manner, the officers are practically word perfect in ritual and their expression is clear and impressive.

On September 16, Kether No. 8 visited Hillvue No. 15 and exemplified the M. E. M. Degree in an able and energetic manner in keeping with all their work.

At the close of each of the foregoing convocations the fourth degree was observed in a manner proving conclusively that those Chapters are very efficient social entertainers.

Unusual inclement weather prevented further visitations of this nature to the disappointment of the Companions who thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the benefits both social and ritualistic.

On November 6, a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Lethbridge, at which we were honored by the full Grand Council, Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. S. H. Middleton, Grand Second Principal, R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironsides, Grand Third Principal R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab; also Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer and other Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers.

A short address was given by M. E. Comp. Middleton, Grand First Principal.

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by Hillvue Chapter No. 15.

R. E. Comp. Flan, on rising to criticize the work, complimented Hillvue Chapter on the able manner in which the Degree was con-

ferred and stated that his criticism would deal with minor points and be of a constructive nature. A very interesting instructive criticism and discussion took place.

After the closing of the Chapter a banquet was partaken of and enjoyed by the companions after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to and we were treated to two inspiring and very instructive addresses by M. E. Comp. Middleton, Grand First Principal, and R. E. Comp. Selwood. Short and pithy addresses were delivered by R. E. Comp. Ironsides, Grand Second Principal, R. E. Comp. McNab, Grand Third Principal, and by other Officers and Companions. Ex. Comp. P. Cull presided in his usual happy manner.

The success of this Chapter of Instruction and the beneficial effects are due to the hearty co-operation of Shekinah Chapter No. 4 as well as to the presence of the Grand Chapter Officers and to the effort put forth by Hillvue Chapter No. 15, who were compelled by the train service to spend two days in attending, and I wish to express my personal appreciation of the work done by all, and the cheerful and ready assistance extended to me in preparing the Chapter of Instruction.

On December 17 I had the honor and pleasure of visiting Assiniboia Chapter No. 4 in company with M. E. Comp. Middleton, Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand Second Principal and R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel, Grand Scribe N. on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary. This was indeed a very happy occasion.

The regular orders of business were despatched and the Officers for the incoming year elected after which the Chapter was addressed by the visiting Companions.

The chapter was closed in due form and the Companions repaired to the Cosmopolitan Hotel to partake of a banquet in honor of the occasion.

Ex. Comp. V. W. Parrish presided as toastmaster and after the time honored toast of "The King and the Craft" and a solo by Comp. P. D. Stone, the toast to the local Chapter was proposed by R. E. Comp. Ironside and responded to by Ex. Comp. W. G. Niblock and others. This was followed by the most pleasing item on the program when M. E. Comp. Middleton was requested to present Life Membership Certificates in Assiniboia Chapter to the four guests of honor, Companions Wm. Crawford, R. C. Becker, Thos. McKay and W. A. Burton, "Charter Members" of Assiniboia Chapter.

Greetings from Grand Chapter to Assiniboia Chapter were given by M. Ex. Comp. Middleton in a very impressive and eloquent address.

Addresses interspersed with music by local talent were given by visiting and local Companions and the banquet closed with all feeling that it was an evening well and profitably spent.

On January 6th, I had the pleasure of visiting Bekah Chapter No. 7, in company with M. E. Comp. Middleton. There was a good attendance of companions of Bekah Chapter and several of the Companions from Kether were also present. The officers had the work well in hand.

The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Arthur, requested me to install the Officers for 1926, which I had much pleasure in doing, assisted by M. E. Comp. R. Patterson.

I believe Bekah Chapter is in a position to make good advancement.

On January 12 I visited with M. E. Comp. Middleton, Hillvue Chapter No. 15, and owing to the unavoidable absence of R. E. Comp. J. D. McDonald, who was expected to install the Officers, I was privileged to perform that duty. Hillvue Chapter is a live wire and number many able and efficient officers and members on their roll.

Much pleasure was afforded me from receiving an invitation from Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 8, of Fernie, B.C., to attend with M. E. Comp. Middleton, a convocation of their Chapter on the official visit of R. E. Comp. Gigerish, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of B.C.

We motored to Fernie on January 13th, and were accorded a royal reception by the Officers and Companions of Mt. Moriah Chapter.

I can assure the Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter that this visit was a real treat.

On our return we had the pleasure of the company of M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of B.C.

On January 14, I visited Kether Chapter, No. 8, in company with M. E. Comp. Middleton and M. E. Comp. Sherwin. This was an emergent meeting to install the officers. M. E. Comp. Sherwin very kindly consented to install and performed that duty in a very efficient manner.

I regret that I was unable to get a meeting at Tau Cross Chapter No. 16. From my correspondence with Ex. Comp. Mack, First Principal, I gather that the Companions are taking very little interest and will not attend Chapter regularly.

I may say that, with the exception of Tau Cross No. 16, the Chapters in this district are ably and efficiently officered; the ritualistic work is almost word perfect and is delivered by the Officers with good enunciation and expression.

The books and finances are in good shape and the Companions evince a keen and active interest in Capitular Masonry and harmony and good fellowship is apparent.

In conclusion, permit me to express my thanks to the Companions of the district for the honor they have conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent and for their hearty co-operation during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. McDOUGALL,

Grand Superintendent District No. 5.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 1925.

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Assiniboia.....	3	Medicine Hat...	9	0	30	\$3.00	179	0	0	4	1	3	5	6	6	176	49	Nil	\$2,110.00	\$	588.00	\$279.00	\$800.00	\$100.00	good	6		
Shekinah.....	4	Lethbridge.....	12	5	28	5.00	163	3	0	4	1	2	12	16	17	170	56	Nil	1954.63	243.00	413.65	994.00	62.00	very good	11			
Bekah.....	7	Macleod.....	—	—	—	5.00	46	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	43	10	Nil	—	—	—	229.00	—	—	fair	1		
Kether.....	8	Pincher Creek...	12	0	18	5.00	51	1	0	2	1	0	7	12	8	57	9	Nil	717.00	450.00	165.00	300.00	25.00	good	2			
Hillvue.....	15	Hillcrest.....	12	0	14	6.00	52	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	51	13	Nil	800.00	1,000.00	102.50	1,000.00	—	fair	3			
Tau Cross.....	16	Clareholm	10	0	10	4.20	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	15	Nil	—	500.00	246.80	350.00	—	—	—	1		

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

The steady progress of Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta is revealed in the several reports submitted, both in membership and finances. The net gain in membership is 146% increase over 1924. While the total number of Admissions—Joinings and Restorations show a decrease of 4%, we have not suffered to the same extent by Suspensions—these being only 33% of last year. On the other hand, 16 chapters have been called upon to mourn the loss by Death of 25 of their number, or 177% over the previous year.

Assisted by the Scribes E., we are endeavouring to correct any errors that may exist in the records of Grand Chapter. And I wish to impress upon the Scribes the necessity of being accurate in making out their returns, which will greatly expedite the work in this office, and enable the Grand Scribe E. to complete his reports *at least one week* previous to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. By the willingness evinced by the Scribes to co-operate with me, I feel assured that it will not be necessary to emphasize this in future.

It is a matter of regret upon the careful analysis of the returns of the various chapters, to find that they are permitting the outstanding dues to increase, as the following discloses.

Average per member over total membership being.....	\$2.77½
Average per member owing dues is.....	\$11.74½
an increase of 9 1-3 % over the preceding year	

A closer attention to the rules governing arrears should be given by the officers responsible, so as to effect an improvement in the very near future.

On the authority of Grand Chapter the proceedings for 1925 were printed and distributed to those entitled to them. Also the proceedings of 1921-1925 have been bound and can be purchased from the G.S.E. at \$2.50 per copy, or the complete proceedings from the inception of the Grand Chapter, in two volumes for \$5.00 plus postage. New sections were purchased for the bookcase containing Foreign Proceedings in the Grand Lodge office, regalia for the Grand Z. and Grand Lecturer, Judean Staffs to be used in the Royal Arch Degree, and in accordance with a resolution passed at the 1923 convocation adopting the Card System for receipt for dues, cards have been printed and are now obtainable.

By-laws and amendments to by-laws, commissions issued and received, dispensations granted, have all been reported in the Grand Z's address.

I would call to the attention of Scribes E. that it is possible to procure nearly everything for chapter use from this office, and if not on hand the G.S.E. is able to purchase cheaper than the subordinate chapter. Especially would I mention the Record Books for the keeping of the Statistical Records of the chapter—which if used would save a great deal of time and trouble in making out their reports at the end of the year.

Christmas Greetings were conveyed to the Officers of Grand Chapter, the subordinate chapters, Foreign Grand Chapters and Grand Representatives.

The Album containing Photos of the Past Grand Z's of this Grand Chapter is now up to date with one exception, and is in the Grand Scribe E's office.

I would recommend that the present system of recording membership be changed to the card system, which is found to be more practical. This would entail changing over the 2840 names now on record, but in all probability could be completed before the end of the next chapter year. The cost would be about \$100.00 for cabinet with drawers and cards.

Before concluding, I wish to express the deep sense of my appreciation, for the kindly assistance given to me by M. E. Comp. Johnson and R.E. Comp. Ironside my predecessor, who gave me freely of their time and the benefit of their experience, which materially assisted me in the performance of my duties.

The Statement of Membership

Number of Regular Chapters.....	27
Number of Members December 31st, 1924.....	2,752

Additions

Initiations to December 31st, 1925.....	170
Affiliations to December 31st, 1925.....	37
Restorations to December 31st, 1925.....	6
Add errors Chapters Numbers 8 and 26.....	2
	<u>215</u>

Deductions

Resignations to December 31st, 1925.....	60
Suspensions, N.P.D.....	36
Suspension U.M.C. and Blue Lodge.....	3
Deaths.....	25
Deduct Errors Chapters Numbers 4 and 6.....	3
	<u>127</u>
Net increase for the year.....	88
NUMBER ON ROLL DECEMBER 31st, 1925.....	<u>2,840</u>

Financial Statement

ASSETS

Cash in Bank, Feb. 28th, 1926, General Fund.....	\$ 538.32
Cash in Bank, Feb. 28th, 1926, Capital Benevolent Fund.....	1266.85
	<u>\$1805.17</u>
Due from Chapters.....	86.45
Inventory.....	2327.36
Alberta Provincial Bonds.....	1000.00
Alberta Provincial Savings Certificates.....	400.00
	<u>\$5618.98</u>

LIABILITIES

Credit to Chapters.....	10.40
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.....	<u>\$5608.58</u>

CASH STATEMENT

Received from Chapters.....	\$3103.33
Interest on Government Bonds etc.....	71.99
Refund on Insurance.....	1.30
Sale of Savings Certificate	200.00
	\$3376.62
Paid to Grand Treasurer (See Treas. Statement).....	\$3376.62
Amounts due from Chapters Feb. 28th, 1925	\$146.35
Credits to Chapters, Feb. 28th, 1925.....	14.15
	\$132.20

ITEMIZED REVENUE FROM SALES TO CHAPTERS

R. A. Certificates and Registrations.....	\$ 496.00
Registering of Joinings.....	38.00
Certificates, P. Z's and others	9.00
Dispensations.....	26.00
Work.....	40.75
Constitutions	28.25
Bylaws.....	7.30
Padded Books	22.00
Bound Books	33.70
Loose forms.....	18.80
Regalia and Paraphernalia.....	88.13
Cuts.....	1.00
Charter fees	30.00
Life Membership.....	50.00
Jewels.....	30.00
Annual Dues, per capita.....	1,404.00
Annual Dues, Cap. Ben. Fund	699.00
District Meeting Expense	25.25
	\$3,047.18
Amount received from Chapters	3,179.38
	3,103.33
	\$76.05

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS FEB. 28th 1926

Alberta, No. 1	\$18.30
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	5.20
Shekinah, No. 4.....	6.75
Golden West, No. 5.....	12.65
Bekah, No. 7.....	.15
Kether, No. 8.....	1.15
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	8.80
Keystone, No. 12.....	5.50
Hillvue, No. 15.....	.15
Norwood, No. 18.....	5.00
The Hiram, No. 19.....	8.35
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	1.50
Crescent, No. 24.....	3.75
Harmony, No. 26.....	6.15
Eheveh, No. 27.....	3.05
	\$86.45

LESS CREDITS TO CHAPTERS

North Star, No. 2.....	\$.75	
Mount Horeb, No 6.....	.60	
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	.50	
Capital City, No. 13.....	1.50	
Vermilion, No. 14.....	3.75	
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	2.00	
Strathmore, No. 21.....	1.30	
	-----	\$10.40
		—\$76.05

INVENTORY.

Grand Officers Regalia	\$1040.75	
Office Furniture, Books etc.	216.10	
Office Stationery.....	151.84	
Certificate Stone and Cuts.....	133.20	
For Re-sale		
Bound Books.....	242.71	
Padded Books.....	17.20	
Constitutions	128.99	
Bylaws	18.97	
Loose Forms.....	49.81	
Regalia and Paraphernalia	244.91	
Blank Certificates	82.88	
	-----	\$2,327.36

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Officers Expenses.....	\$ 416.65	
Photo Cuts, etc.....	14.65	
Postage.....	69.09	
Engrossing Marks, etc.....	15.00	
Work.....	39.85	
Ceremonies	13.00	
Exchange.....	.85	
Office Furniture.....	31.95	
Grand Officers Regalia.....	145.22	
L. D. Telephone and Telegraph.....	5.21	
Printing and Stationery	179.29	
P. Z. Jewels	30.00	
G. C. Proceedings	610.32	
Regalia and Paraphernalia.....	276.21	
G. S. E. Salary	600.00	
Grand Janitor	10.00	
Rent.....	15.00	
Cartage.....	3.00	
Premium on Bonds	3.00	
Express	2.40	
10th Anniversary.....	8.00	
Office Expense	3.45	
Flowers.....	2.50	
Sundry.....	1.10	
See Grand Treas. Statement.....	-----	\$2 495.74

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Alberta, No. 1.....	Harold R. Balcombe, John W. Bathgate, Ernest M. Doyle, Joseph W. Warren.
North Star, No. 2.....	Frank Sanderson.
Capital City, No. 13.....	Silas R. Tuffley

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....	D. C. Derby, H. A. English, S. R. Hodson P. A. Moon, W. D. Spence, Jos. W. Warren, Wm. Burris.
North Star, No. 2.....	Wm. E. Washburn, Jas. N. C. Hill, D. A. P. Kirkland, Benj. F. Ogilvie, R. A. Snyder, Geo. F. Beart, Edwin F. Pinfold.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Jas. J. Hewitt, B. Cheeseman, J. C. Pinhorn, Geo. A. Davidson.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	W. D. King, A. E. Millhouse, J. H. Stuart, E. M. Smith.
Golden West, No. 5.....	W. C. Hammond.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	T. A. McIntyre, Alex. J. Webb.
Bekah, No. 7.....	A. D. Ferguson.
Kether, No. 8.....	J. McCullough, D. A. Stringer
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	F. H. Donnelley, C. C. Foster, J. Leeson, R. O. Fry.
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	R. A. McArthur, A. W. Read
Calgary, No. 11.....	W. D. Dobson, H. N. Evely, C. M. Cook, H. J. Parrott.
Capital City, No. 13.....	R. D. Clarke, G. B. Johnson, S. R. Tuffley
Vermilion, No. 14.....	W. B. Nellis
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	L. L. Connor
The Hiram, No. 19.....	A. Bradshaw, T. M. McGarry, M. C. Lawson
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	J. L. Brown, W. G. Ferrey, R. P. Crossland, W. M. Clemenson
Coronation, No. 23.....	R. C. Goheen
Crescent, No. 24.....	R. Harvey, R. White, Wm. Bond, A. E. Old- field, C. R. Evans
Strathcona, No. 25.....	S. Hill, S. Taylor
Eheych, No. 27.....	Thos. Hooks, Peter Jones

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION.

Alberta, No. 1.....	N. J. Lindsay, W. W. Piper, M. P. McNeil
North Star, No. 2.....	R. C. Macdonald, C. F. Davies, C. S. Kemp W. H. Sutherland.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Geo. Murray, H. H. Ross, Wm. A. Douglas
Shekinah, No. 4.....	F. C. Robinson, Wm. Paterson.
Golden West, No. 5.....	P. T. Goulter
Bekah, No. 7.....	D. L. Murison, M. McNaught
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	John Garratt
Calgary, No. 11.....	Thos. A. Wiggins
Capital City, No. 13.....	R. H. Johnston, W. G. Fair.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	John A. Horne
Hillvue, No. 15.....	Hugh Hutton
Banff, No. 20.....	Reginald H. Brett
Coronation, No. 23.....	J. S. Brookman
Crescent, No. 24.....	Fred F. Langston
Eheych, No. 27.....	Robert Barclay

SUSPENSION N. P. D.

North Star, No. 2	Henry Hepburn, John A. Kennedy, Oscar F. Strong (Dr.)
Kether, No. 8.....	John L. Parker
Otuskwaw, No. 9	Hugh C. Thompson, John C. Parish, Wm. McD. Maxey, Frank J. Barker, (Dr.) A. B. Singleton
Bow Valley, No. 10	J. Brutus Anderson, Egbert O. Coultis, Wm. R. Cumming, John W. Davis, Thos. L. Ferguson, Asa H. Gibson, Bert Horton, Thos. H. Irvine, John Martin, Gordon P. Muir, James A. Mowatt, Robert McKelvie, John H. McDill, Frank G. Newman, Albert N. Reay, Robert H. Struthers, Norman Stafford.
Calgary, No. 11.....	James B. Robertson, William H. Silman.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	Norman T. Beeman, Ronald H. Watson
Norwood, No. 18.....	Edward J. Gordean, Fred Rigby, Garnet G. Morris
Crescent, No. 24	Daniel McCutcheon, Caleb Jones
Strathcona, No. 25.....	Thomas McIntosh

SUSPENSION U. M. C.

Assiniboia, No. 3	Frederick H. Courtneil
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SUSPENSIONS BY G. L. of A.

Shekinah, No. 4.....	G. St. Claire Moore, N. P. D.
Norwood, No. 18.....	John F. S. Pinder-Moss, N. P. D.

Fraternally submitted



Grand Scribe E.

Report of Grand Treasurer

March 1st, 1925, to February 28th, 1926.

Mar. 1, 1925—Cash in Bank.....	\$ 924.29
Received from Grand Scribe E.	\$3376.62
(See G. S. E. statement)	————\$4,300.91

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE

March 1st, 1925, to February 28th, 1926

1925

Mar. 14—W. E. M. Holmes, Gr. Supts. Expenses.....	\$ 25.00
Mar. 14—J. W. G. Morrisson, Gd. Supts. Expenses....	25.00
Mar. 14—F. B. Cooper, Gr. Supts. Expenses.....	25.00
Mar. 14—A. G. Finch, Gr. Supts. Expenses.....	25.00
Mar. 14—E. B. Curlette, Photo of P. G. Z.....	5.00
Mar. 14—C. R. Wentzel, Postage.....	9.00
Mar. 14—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Certificates.....	1.00
Mar. 14—Grand Janitor.....	10.00
Mar. 16—F. B. Cooper, Artists, Tenth Anniversary...	8.00
Mar. 18—Perfection Lodge, No. 9, Rent.....	15.00
Mar. 26—S. H. Middleton, Gd. Z's Expenses ..	50.00
April 14—Grand Chapter of Can., Work and Ceremonies, and Exchange.....	25.65
April 14—Security Cartage, Cartage on Furniture	3.00
May 16—W. A. Ackland Agencies, Prem. on Bonds ..	3.00
May 22—J. H. Dickinson, Authograph cut & stamp..	4.65
May 16—E. B. Curlette—Photo of P. G. Z.....	5.00
May 26—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Certificates.....	3.00
May 26—Office Speciality, Bookcase Sections	31.95
June 4—C. R. Wentzel, Postage.....	30.00
June 5—Knights Bindery, Lettering two bags	2.50
June 5—Ambrose Kent & Sons, Two Gd. Officers Suits, and Exchange.....	135.50
June 5—Albertan Job Press, Printing & Stationery..	27.82
June 15—Albertan Job Press, Printing & Stationery ..	55.64
June 15—Albertan Job Press, Proceedings.....	519.33
June 15—Craven Bros., P. Z. Jewel	25.00
June 16—S. H. Middleton, Gd. Z's Expenses.....	100.00
Aug. 16—R. C. Rankin, Ballot Boxes	4.00
June 30—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S. E. Salary.....	150.00
Aug. 16—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Certificate.....	1.00
Aug. 16—Albertan Job Press, Printing & Stationery ..	15.75
Aug. 16—C. R. Wentzel, Postage, Express, Phone.....	19.97
Oct. 2—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S. E. Salary.....	150.00
Oct. 13—Ambrose Kent & Sons, Paraphernalia & Ex.	54.00
Oct. 13—Gd. Chap. of Can., Work & Exchange.....	13.15
Nov. 2—S. H. Middleton, Gd. Z's Expenses.....	50.00
Nov. 23—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Marks	5.00
Dec. 10—H. Sandilands, 25 Lions, and Exchange.....	100.15
Dec. 13—S. H. Middleton, Gd. Z's Expenses	25.00
Dec. 13—C. R. Wentzel, Postage, Express, etc.....	13.25
Dec. 21—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Certificates.....	5.00
Dec. 21—Cushing Bros, Staves for Judean Staves ..	30.00
Dec. 26—S. H. Middleton, Gd. Z's Expenses ..	25.00
Dec. 26—Craven Bros., Repairing Jewel	5.00

1925

Dec. 26—J. D. McAra, Binding Proceedings, etc.....	90.99
Dec. 26—Ambrose Kent & Sons, Paraphernalia & ex.	69.85
Dec. 26—Gd. Chapter of Can., Work and exchange ..	13.15
Dec. 26—Albertan Job Press, Printing.....	34.13
Dec. 26—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S. E. Salary	150.00

1926

Feb. 1—F. S. Selwood, District Meeting Expense	25.25
Feb. 5—J. R. Flan, Gd. Lecturer Expenses.....	41.40
Feb. 5—J. H. Dickinson, Bands for Dater	1.50
Feb. 5—Stanley Henderson, Flowers.....	2.50
Feb. 8—C. R. Wentzel, Postage, Phone, Off. exp. ...	11.00
Feb. 25—Albertan Job Press, Printing & Stationery .	44.10
Feb. 25—Albertan Job Press, Supplies.....	18.64
Feb. 25—F. E. Osborne, Stationery.....	1.85
Feb. 26—C. R. Wentzel, Gd. S. E. Salary.....	150.00
June 4—C. R. Wentzel, Express and Sundry.....	5.07
	\$2,495.74
Balance in Bank, Feb. 28th, 1926.....	\$1,805.17

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. Fletcher

Grand Treasurer

Auditors Report

Calgary, March 11th, 1926.

To The Finance Committee:

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and find same in good order and in accordance with the Vouchers, Cheques, Bank Statements, etc., and that all monies received by the Grand Scribe E. have been turned over to the Grand Treasurer and duly deposited in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We have checked the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer with the books, and same are correctly shown in accordance therewith.

We have inspected the Alberta Provincial Savings Certificates (Fourteen hundred dollars) and find them in order, fully registered in the name of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. They are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

The Inventory has been very closely checked up and revised by the Grand Scribe E., and same now represents a fair valuation of the property of Grand Chapter. This has entailed considerable arduous work on the part of Rt. Ex. Comp. Wentzel, and he is to be commended on the zeal and interest he has put into this task.

The amounts owing by Subordinate Chapters to Grand Chapter is considerably less than last year, which is very satisfactory.

The Expenditure has been kept well within the Revenue. The Capital Benevolent Fund has been increased by the sum of \$699.00 and now stands at \$1266.85, having more than doubled during the past year.

We would repeat the recommendations of last year's Auditors, that a Safety Deposit Box be rented for the safe custody of Grand Chapter Documents, Saving Certificates, etc.

Finally—the accounts and books of Grand Chapter have been well and carefully kept, and all of our requirements have been complied with, and the Financial position of Grand Chapter continues in a sound and progressive condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Andrews,

A. D. Cumming,

Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that there are no Chapters under Dispensation, and therefore there is no business coming before your Committee.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. STEPHENSON,
ALEX. M. McKEE,
J. F. CASTEEL.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, that the Report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand First Principal, respectfully report as follows:

The opening remarks of the Grand First Principal contain words of wisdom that are well worthy of our sincere consideration and commendation. They breathe the refreshing spirit of pleasure and pride which he shares with the Companions on the successful results of the past year's labor, and the enthusiasm which prevails throughout this Jurisdiction.

We commend the welcome given by the Grand First Principal to the Companions in attendance at this Annual Convocation, and we also appreciate the sacrifice many have had to make to be present.

The distinguished and beloved Companions who have passed the river, are remembered, and we sincerely mourn with the Grand Z. in the passing of so many.

We commend the Grand First Principal in making the change of place for holding this Convocation from Banff to Edmonton.

The various appointments made by the Grand First Principal are characterized by a wise discrimination and should be entirely satisfactory. This is particularly noticeable in the Committees appointed to revise the Ceremonies and the Work. The expert and experienced veterans of Masonry, who were given charge, insured from the start the success of the revision upon which Grand Chapter will have to pass.

We most heartily endorse the Grand Z's observation upon the cordial and fraternal relations existing between this Grand Body and the neighbouring Grand Chapters. We congratulate him on his most pleasant visit to the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia. With the Grand First Principal we welcome M. E. Comp. Sherwin, of Kaslo, B.C., as a visitor and we assure him of a very kind welcome should he come to us again.

We again concur in the recommendations of the Grand Z, that Chapters of Instruction be held in each District, as well as the change of meetings from Moon Schedule to stated date. We regret that some Chapters have ignored this latter recommendation in the past.

We also concur in the following recommendations of the M. E. the Grand First Principal:

First: That all Chapters be requested to compile an "Historical Record" and that it be the duty of the Grand Superintendents to see that this is done.

Second: That any Chapter completing the Masonic Year at any other date than December 31st be requested to make provision for their year to end at that date, and that First Principals at that date be given past rank. This to apply only to Chapters in existence at this date.

Third: That hereafter this Grand Chapter furnish the Grand First Principal with the Grand First Principal's Regalia and that such regalia become his personal property. Further that the present First Principal's Regalia be presented to M. E. Comp. Middleton as soon as a new one is ready for the Grand First Principal elect.

Fourth: That a grant of Fifty Dollars be made toward a Library Fund and that the incoming Grand Z appoint a committee of which M. E. Comp. Taylor shall be Chairman, to choose the books.

We commend the Grand H. and Grand J. on their activities during the past year.

Your Committee desires to place on record its very highest appreciation of the Grand Z's services to the Royal Craft, not only during the last year, but during his life as a Royal Arch Mason.

Fraternally submitted,

J. N. RANKIN,
M. M. DOWNEY,
W. T. COOTE.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. Jas. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. Coote, that the Report of the Committee on the Grand First, Second and Third Principals Addresses be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This Committee on Audit and Finance has pleasure in submitting the following report:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E., Grand Treasurer and Auditors. These reports we find eminently satisfactory and have pleasure in recommending the approval of same.

We heartily approve the recommendation of Grand Scribe E., that arrears of dues should receive the close attention of the chapters, and be eliminated as far as possible without working hardship on any Companion affected.

We approve and recommend the adoption of the proposal of Grand Scribe E., that the present system of recording membership be changed to the Card System.

This Committee is pleased to report that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta is satisfactory and may be expected to improve with the general improvement noticeable in the financial and business conditions throughout the Province. So far as we can see at this time no unusual expenditures are probable, as the Grand Chapter appears to be fully equipped with regalia, paraphernalia, books and supplies.

We renew the recommendation made in our report of a year ago, that the Grand Treasurer rent a safety deposit box for the safe-keeping of the bonds, saving's certificates and other documents of value belonging to this Grand Chapter.

We recommend the purchase by the Grand Scribe E. of an additional section in conformity with the present bookcase in use in the Grand Chapter Library.

We recommend the payment to the Grand Superintendents of the maximum amounts authorized for their expenses. We find the actual expenditure for railway fares alone in every case amounts to substantially this maximum sum or more.

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer invest the proceeds of the \$1,000.00 of yellow 5% Saving Certificates of the Province of Alberta which are being called in, in Province of Alberta 4½% bonds at 95 per 100, as per offer of the Deputy Provincial Treasurer, dated March 8th, 1926, and that \$1,100.00 of Capital Benevolent Fund be invested in current Province of Alberta 4½% Saving's Certificates.

We recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Albertan Job Press Ltd., for printing the Annual Proceedings.

Ex. Comp. W. H. Andrews, of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, and Comp. A. D. Cumming, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, were appointed Auditors for 1925 and 1926 and have filed their report.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
JAMES CLEAVE,
J. F. CASTEEL,
GEO. W. ELLIOTT.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee having carefully examined the reports of the Grand Superintendents and Grand Scribe E., are pleased to note the evidence of the healthy condition of Capitular Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

The nett increase in membership being over double that of last year is particularly gratifying.

A spirit of harmony, co-operation and good fellowship exists throughout the jurisdiction, and the officers of the various Chapters appear to be faithful and zealous in the discharge of their duties.

There appears to be a marked improvement in the quality and uniformity of the work as exemplified in the various Chapters. This we attribute in no small degree to the efforts of the Grand First Principal and his Officers in urging general uniformity of the work.

The attendance is not all that might be desired, and as this is a matter that presents an individual problem to each Chapter, we strongly recommend that the Officers of every Chapter give serious consideration to the matter of retaining the interest and securing the regular attendance of the members.

Your Committee note the faithful discharge of their duties by the Grand Superintendents, and would recommend that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon each of the retiring officers.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. McNAB,
JAMES CLEAVE,
G. W. ELLIOTT,
J. R. FLAN.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, that the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report that on complaints or appeals have come before this committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY
GEO. B. McLEOD,
FRED. S. SELWOOD.

RESOLVED, on motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. C. McDougall, that the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg ro report that no matters have been referred to it for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. COOTE,
J. W. G. MORRISON.
ALEX McKEE.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by E. Comp. C. A. Arthur, that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

We, your Committee on Benevolence, beg leave to report that the following Chapters have expended the several amounts herein stated during the past year for benevolent purposes:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2—	North Star.....	\$ 50.00	13—	Capital City.....	\$150.00
3—	Assiniboia.....	100.00	18—	Norwood.....	24.75
4—	Shekinah.....	62.00	23—	Coronation.....	12.75
8—	Kether.....	25.00	25—	Strathcona.....	30.25
9—	Otuskwan.....	35.75	26—	Harmony.....	30.00
11—	Calgary.....	25.00	27—	Eheyeh.....	32.75
12—	Keystone.....	25.00			-----
					\$603.25

The ready response of the Companions of the various Chapters to this worthy cause is a source of deep gratification. We find the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Chapter amounts to \$1,266.85 and we would respectfully recommend that a separate account be started for this fund.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,
C. A. MacPHERSON.
W. J. STEPHENSON.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson, that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

During the evening the visiting Companions were entertained at a delightful Banquet by the Edmonton Companions.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Another mile stone has been reached in the history of this Grand Chapter, and through the mercy of Almighty God we are again permitted to gather for mutual fellowship and help. But in the thought of that fellowship comes home to us the inevitable fact that many of our Companions during the past year have answered the last earthly call, have laid down their working tools, and gone forth to find new opportunities for service in the life beyond the grave.

At times it is difficult to understand the meaning of these great separations, as we see our dear ones carrying through their activities, striving to work out the purposes of their lives, striving to assist their fellows, and keep inviolate their sacred obligations and then in the very midst of effort, and accomplishment they are called away, and as it appears to our narrow and shortened vision, their work is left but half complete. Surely that work must go on, and on a brighter, happier plane find a new, and greater opportunity to bring to fruition the hopes, and aspirations born within their hearts, and souls, while laboring here.

We have a great confidence that this is true, and that in the presence of the Great Architect of our destinies, we shall find the completion of all those aspirations.

Grant us Thy light, that we know
The wisdom Thou alone canst give;
That truth may guide where'er we go,
And virtue bless where'er we live.

Grant us Thy light, when soon or late,
All earthly scenes shall pass away,
In Thee to find the open gate
To deathless home, and endless day.

The records of the past year remind us that twenty-four Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions have answered the last, and greatest call. We find that most of these were of the rank of Past Grand High Priest, and to our Sister Jurisdictions we offer our deepest sympathy in their loss.

In our own Grand Chapter we too have suffered in like manner. We have to report the death of twenty-five of our dear Companions. We beg to make special reference to R. Ex. Companion R. C. MacDonald, and V. Ex. Companion D. L. Murison.

R. Ex. Comp. MacDonald was one of the most loyal supporters of Royal Arch Masonry in this Province. He was a Past Grand District Superintendent for District No. 1, and a member of North Star Chapter of Edmonton. It is not saying too much to state that his place in that Chapter will not soon be filled. His loss rests heavily upon us. He was also a Past Grand Pursuivant of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.

V. Ex. Comp. Murison was a Past Grand Steward of this Grand Chapter, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. V. Ex. Comp. Murison will be greatly missed in all the activities of Masonry in this province.

We regret that we shall not again meet them in fellowship here, but we rejoice in that, while they cannot come to us, we may go to them, when our course here is finished, and in a truer sense renew again the fraternity of our souls. We extend to the families of our departed brethren our deepest sympathy, and affection, and assure them of our desire still to hold the bond that binds us to them through the memory of our mutual love.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

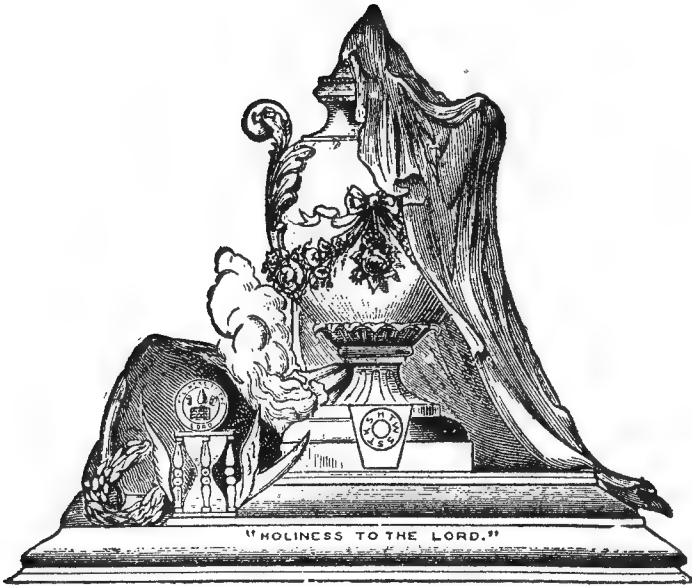
O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain;
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

May the contemplation of this hour remind us that we too are drawing nearer to that "bourne from which no traveller ever returns," and may we with deeper earnestness strive to so adjust our lives, and actions, that we may with faith and confidence, await the coming of the King of Kings, and may we then hear His welcome words, "Well done thou good, and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

One sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er;
I'm nearer home today
Than I have been before;

Nearer my Father's house,
Where many mansions be;
Nearer the Great White Throne;
Nearer the Crystal Sea;

Nearer the bound of life,
Where burdens are laid down,
Where pilgrims leave the cross,
And victors gain the crown.

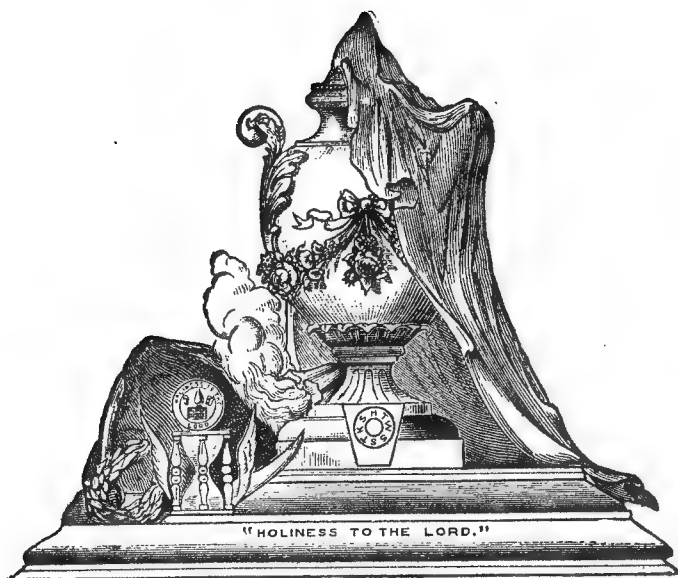


In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1925

The earth is poorer since they took their flight,
But heaven is richer now that they are there;
And on their brows gleam with transcendent light
Such crowns as honest, upright men shall wear.

Farewell, Companions, none can fill thy seat
Within the sacred circle of our love—
And so we'll count thee present when we meet,
And greet thee once again in courts above.

—*Bush.*



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1925

"To sleep! It is to wake
When the fresh day shall break,
When the new sun climbs up the eastern steep;
To wake with new-born powers
Out from these darkened hours,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.

"To die! It is to rise
To fairer, brighter skies,
Where death no more shall his dread harvest reap
To soar on angel wings
Where life immortal springs,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep."

"I am the resurrection, and the Life" saith the Lord, "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me shall never die."

Your committee recommends that suitable memorial pages be placed in our proceedings in memory of our departed Companions.

GEO. B. McLEOD, *Chairman*
WM. McNAB,
WM. C. BLACK,
W. E. MERCER.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Arkansas.....	John Brodie, P.G. Treas.....	Aug. 15, 1925
Florida.....	Silas B. Wright, P.G.H.P.....	April 25, 1925
Georgia.....	Jacob A. Walton, P.G.H.P.....	June 1, 1925
	James W. Taylor (M.D.), P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 15, 1925
Illinois.....	Wilbur Clay Hadley, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 9, 1925
	Henry H. Montgomery, P.G.H.P.....	Oct. 16, 1925
	George W. Curtis, P.G.H.P.....	Feb. 5, 1926
	Arthur E. Wood, P.G.H.P.....	Feb. 8, 1926
Indiana.....	Thomas Riley Marshall, P.G.H.P.....	June 1, 1925
Kansas.....	William Ingram Stuart, D.G.H.P.....	Nov. 27, 1925
Massachusetts.....	Charles Dana Burrage, P.G.H.P.....	Jan. 5, 1926
Minnesota.....	Andrew Peter Swanstrom, P.G.H.P.....	May 23, 1925
Missouri.....	Robert Freeman Stevenson, P.G.H.P.....	April 28, 1925
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges, Jr., P.G. Sec.....	July 31, 1925
	Henry Martin Parchen, P.G. Treas.....	Oct. 6, 1925
New Jersey.....	Marcus Higginbotham, P.G.H.P.....	Aug. 12, 1924
New York.....	Arthur Warren, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 12, 1925
North Dakota.....	Evarts Cornelius Stevens, P.G.H.P.....	Sept. 1, 1925
Nova Scotia.....	Frederick Louis Shaffner, P.G.H.P.....	Dec. 9, 1925
Oregon.....	Albert Henry Steiner, P.G.H.P.....	June 29, 1925
	Milton Sherman Woodcock, P.G.H.P.....	Mar. 17, 1925
Pennsylvania.....	A. G. Criswell Smith, P.G.H.P.....	Jan. 15, 1926
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins, P.G.H.P.....	May 14, 1925
Washington.....	John Nathaniel Prather, P.G.H.P.....	Aug. 24, 1925

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....	N. J. Lindsay, W. W. Piper, M. P. McNeil.
North Star, No. 2.....	R. C. Macdonald, C. F. Davies, C. S. Kemp, W. H. Sutherland.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Geo. Murray, H. H. Ross, Wm. A. Douglas.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	F. C. Robinson, Wm. Paterson.
Golden West, No. 5.....	P. T. Goulter
Bekah, No. 7.....	D. L. Murison, M. McNaught.
Otuskwaw, No. 9.....	John Garratt.
Calgary, No. 11.....	Thos. A. Wiggins.
Capital City, No. 13.....	R. H. Johnston, W. G. Fair.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	John A. Horne.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	Hugh Hutton.
Banff, No. 20.....	Reginald H. Brett.
Coronation, No. 23.....	J. S. Brookman.
Crescent, No. 24.....	Fred F. Langston.
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	Robert Barclay.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report:

That all the correspondence with recognized jurisdictions has been of the most friendly and cordial nature. In the matter of requested recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, having received no further information during the year, we recommend that it be left in abeyance until further information has been received.

A review of the Annual Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions has been prepared by M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson and we recommend the same be published as an appendix to the report of this Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Acting Chairman.
GEO. B. McLEOD.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard, that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "WORK"

Calgary, March 15, 1926.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Dear Sirs and Companions:

Your Committee appointed to consider the matter of "The Work" of this Grand Jurisdiction beg leave to report that they have met on more than one occasion and have agreed upon the changes which in their opinion are desirable and are prepared to present a complete report embodying these changes.

It was hoped that the committee would have the benefit of the conclusions arrived at by the Grand Chapter of Canada, who also had this matter under consideration. We now learn, however, that this Grand Chapter has deferred final action for another year. Having in mind the desirability of preserving uniformity of Work throughout as many of the Grand Jurisdictions in the Dominion of Canada as possible, we recommend that the resolution passed at our last Annual Convocation and appearing on page 94 of the printed proceedings of Grand Chapter, remain in force for another year, and that a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand First Principal to complete this work and report thereon at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*
J. R. FLAN,
W. T. COOTE.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, that the report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "CEREMONIALS"

Calgary, March 15, 1926.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the
Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Dear Sirs and Companions:

Your Committee appointed to review and report upon the matter of the Ceremonials of Grand Chapter beg to recommend as follows:

1. That the ceremonies of Organization, Institution, Constitution, Consecration and Dedication of a new Chapter, now in use by the Grand Chapter of Canada, be continued in use in this Grand Jurisdiction after making the necessary corrections to make the same applicable to this Grand Chapter.

2. That the ceremony of Installation in a Private Chapter be amended in accordance with exhibit "A," submitted herewith, and that 300 copies be printed in pamphlet form.

Your committee desire to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, in connection with the preparation of the new form of Installation.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*
M. M. DOWNEY.

RESOLVED, on motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, that the report of the Committee on Ceremonials be received and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, that it is with deep regret that we learn that M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor is confined in the hospital and unable to attend this Grand Convocation, the first he has missed since the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and we trust that he will soon be restored to his usual good health.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, that this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta in Annual Convocation assembled, hereby extend our sincerest congratulations to Comp. William Egbert, M.D., of Alberta Chapter No. 1, G.R.A., upon his recent elevation to the most honorable office of Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta.

RESOLVED, On motion of M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, that owing to the increasing expense of printing proceedings, that three copies be sent to Foreign Jurisdictions, one to each Foreign Representative, the Grand Chancellor, Sovereign Great Priory, and the Registrars of Preceptories of Knights Templar in Alberta, and four to each subordinate Chapter.—Past Principals may secure the loan of books for reading, from their Chapter.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer: That a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered by this Grand Chapter, to the Edmonton Chapters and Companions, for the generous hospitality and numerous courtesies extended to the visiting Companions during this Annual Convocation.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. F. Rannard: That this Grand Chapter bear the expense of printing in connection with the banquet held Wednesday evening, March 17th.

RESOLVED, On motion of E. Comp. V. W. Wright, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper: That the rent for the Masonic Hall used for this Convocation, be paid by Grand Chapter.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black: That the acting Grand Janitor be paid the sum of \$10.00 for his faithful services during this Convocation.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the incoming Grand Z. appoint a committee to bring in a report at the next Annual Convocation on the reorganization of the districts, and that if possible a copy of the report be sent to the different chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction in time to discuss it at their regular meeting before Grand Chapter.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That it be a recommendation of this Grand Chapter that the Committee on the Work, be reappointed by the Grand Z. to carry on until completion.

Moved by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer: That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to purchase Past Grand First Principals Regalia for the following Past Grand Z.'s, viz.: M. E. Comps. Geo. R. McLeod, Wm. T. Coote, F. S. Watson, Robt. Patterson, M. M. Downey and J. E. Johnson.

And that Grand Chapter present each outgoing Grand First Principal with regalia suitable to the office. That this regalia be purchased at rate of two suits per year, commencing with 1926.

Moved in Amendment by E. Comp. Andy Davison, seconded by V. E. Comp. W. W. Pratt: That the motion lie on the table until next Grand Convocation. Amendment carried.

RESOLVED, On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black: That the Grand Scribe E. procure two suits of Past Grand First Principals regalia, one to be presented to the retiring Grand Z., the other for the incoming Grand First Principal.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey

I hereby give notice, that at the thirteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, I will move that:

(1) "Section 13 shall be amended by deleting the words "Annual Convocation" and substituting the words "District Meeting" and adding "At the following Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

(2) "That the rank of Past First Principal shall be given to and held by a First Principal who has served as First Principal in a warranted chapter for a period of twelve months, provided that service in a chapter under dispensation may be included in the said period of twelve months".

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:20 o'clock noon.

SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The time for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the M. E. Grand Z. appointed M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin and M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin as scrutineers of the ballots, and the following were declared elected:

Grand Z...	M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside, No. 11, 513 21st Ave. W., Calgary.
Grand H...	R. E. Comp. William M. McNab, No. 13, 10041 117th St., Edmonton.
Grand J...	R. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood, No. 1, Imperial Bank Bldg., Calgary.
Grand Scribe F (Secretary).	R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel, No. 11, 809 9½ St. N.W., Calgary.
Grand Scribe N...	R. E. Comp. D. W. Cotton, No. 13, Ed- monton.
Grand Principal Sojourner.	R. E. Comp. Ernest Ward, No. 18, Ed- monton.
Grand Treasurer.	R. E. Comp. William C. Black, No. 11, Calgary.
Grand Registrar.	R. E. Comp. George B. Wallace, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year-

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the M. E. Grand Z. who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selection was confirmed.

District No. 1.....	R. E. Comp. George W. Potter, No. 18, 11533-92nd St., Edmonton.
District No. 2.....	R. E. Comp. Charles H. Russell, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.
District No. 3.....	R. E. Comp. William H. Hiscocks, No. 20, Banff.
District No. 4.....	R. E. Comp. Hugh Stainsleigh, No. 26, Hussar.
District No. 5.....	R. E. Comp. Chester A. Arthur, No. 7, Brocket.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Two Year Term

R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer.....	No. 9, Calgary
V. E. Comp. W. W. Pratt.....	No. 1, Calgary
R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper.....	No. 1, Calgary
R. E. Comp. G. W. Elliott.....	No. 13, Edmonton

One Year Term

R. E. Comp. J. J. Green.....	No. 18, Edmonton
R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard.....	No. 3, Lethbridge

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, at the request of M. E. Comp. Middleton, then proceeded with the installation of the newly elected officers, assisted by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin as Director of Ceremonies, the newly installed officers being proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to M. E. Comps. Sherwin and Rankin for installing the officers of Grand Chapter in such an efficient and capable manner. Carried unanimously.

M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside conveyed the vote of thanks in a few brief but happy remarks, which were responded to by M. E. Comp. Sherwin.

M. E. Comp. SHERWIN: When I go back to British Columbia I shall tell the Companions of your wonderfully good Grand Chapter Meeting, and of the goodfellowship that exists amongst the Companions, and if any of you will attend our next Grand Chapter meeting at Victoria, you will receive a most hearty welcome.

The Ceremony of Installation being completed, short addresses were given by M. E. Comp. Ironside, R. E. Comps. McNab and Selwood.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Senior Sojourner....	V. E. Comp. H. C. Neal, No. 25, Strathcona
Grand Junior Sojourner....	V. E. Comp. Wm. H. Andrews, No. 24, Calgary.
Grand Lecturer	R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan, No. 9, 122-5th Ave. E., Calgary.
Grand Sword Bearer.....	V. E. Comp. F. W. Tye, No. 17, Sedgewick
Grand Master 1st Veil. ...	V. E. Comp. John Selkirk, No. 14, Vermilion.
Grand Master 2nd Veil. ...	V. E. Comp. F. M. Dillon, No. 23, Coronation.
Grand Master 3rd Veil . . .	V. E. Comp. W. G. Niblock, No. 3, Medicine Hat.
Grand Master 4th Veil. ...	V. E. Comp. W. B. Way, No. 5, High River.
Grand Dir. of Ceremonies..	V. E. Comp. Chas. Comba, No. 9, Calgary
Grand Organist.	V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland, No. 9, Calgary
Grand Pursuivant.....	V. E. Comp. Jas. Hughes, No. 27, Drumheller.
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Comp. G. E. Long, No. 2, Edmonton.
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Comp. J. B. McKerrow, No. 4, Lethbridge.
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Comp. J. T. Cumberland, No. 8, Pincher Creek.
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Comp. W. H. Williams, No. 3, Medicine Hat.
Grand Janitor.....	Comp. S. Davies, No. 11, Calgary.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The M. E. Grand First Principal, Comp. Edwin G. Ironside, appointed the following Committees:

Committee for arrangement "WORK"—M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Chairman; M. E. Comps. S. Y. Taylor, W. T. Coote, N. T. Macleod and R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan.

Committee on Redistribution of Districts—M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Chairman, M. E. Comps. N. T. Macleod, S. Y. Taylor, W. T. Coote, R. E. Comps. W. M. McNab, J. R. Flan and Jas. A. McGhee.

Committee to purchase books for Library.—M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, Chairman, M. E. Comps. J. E. Johnson, S. H. Middleton and Geo. B. McLeod, and R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.

GRAND CONVOCATION CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5 o'clock p.m.

Clifford Runtzel

Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Grand Z.....	S. Y. Taylor.....	J. N. Rankin.....	F. S. Watson.....	Robert Patterson.....	A. R. Dickson.....	M. M. Downey
Grand H.....	F. S. Watson.....	F. S. Watson.....	R. Patterson.....	A. R. Dickson.....	M. M. Downey.....	N. T. Macleod
Grand J.....	T. C. Bruce.....	T. C. Bruce.....	A. R. Dickson.....	M. M. Downey.....	N. T. Macleod.....	H. Darling
Grand Scribe E.....	M. M. Downey.....	M. M. Downey.....	M. M. Downey.....	J. E. Johnson.....	J. E. Johnson.....	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.....	A. R. Yates.....	A. R. Dickson.....	E. D. H. Wilkins.....	Geo. D. Stanley.....	P. J. Dewie.....	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj.....	E. D. H. Wilkins.....	E. D. H. Wilkins.....	A. R. Yates.....	N. T. Macleod.....	W. T. Cooté.....	W. A. Mahaffy
Grand Treasurer.....	A. W. R. Markley.....	A. W. R. Markley.....	A. W. R. Markley.....	A. W. R. Markley.....	A. W. R. Markley.....	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar.....	A. West.....	A. West.....	V. A. Bowes.....	E. D. H. Wilkins.....	D. W. McMillan.....	Jesse Elliott
Grand Senior Soj.....	T. Rankine.....	D. W. McMillan.....	W. A. Mahaffy.....	Geo. W. Elliott.....	Jesse Elliott.....	W. J. Stephenson
Grand Junior Soj.....	A. H. Spurr.....	W. A. Mahaffy.....	D. L. Murison.....	David McIntosh.....	J. A. R. Powell.....	J. J. Green
Grand Lecturer.....	J. H. Argue.....	J. H. Argue.....	J. H. Argue.....	J. H. Argue.....	J. H. Argue.....	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer.....	G. B. McLeod.....	G. B. McLeod.....	G. D. Wallace.....	W. F. W. Lent.....	R. D. Robertson.....	R. H. Struthers
Grand M. 1st Veil.....	H. I. Miller.....	H. G. Hoare.....	A. N. Lindsay.....	William T. Cooté.....	J. Dan McDonald.....	G. E. Cruickshank
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	G. T. Bragg.....	T. H. Irvine.....	D. McKenzie.....	R. Powell.....	D. Thompson.....	Harvey Brock
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	C. E. Macdonald.....	D. G. Campbell.....	R. C. Macdonald.....	Thos. Burnett.....	H. B. Jamieson.....	S. T. Fawcett
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	W. E. Lord.....	James Walker.....	E. E. Farley.....	J. A. Macdonald.....	A. W. Rosborough.....	D. McLean
Grand D. of C.....	J. M. Empey.....	A. R. Yates.....	James Walker.....	F. S. Selwood.....	Geo. Simpson.....	M. R. Peacock
Grand Organist.....	G. J. Davis.....	F. B. Cooper.....	Peter Walker.....	J. E. Hodgson.....	F. B. Cooper.....	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursivant.....	E. E. Farley.....	E. E. Farley.....	H. H. Fletcher.....	Joseph Longdon.....	Geo. Campbell.....	D. A. Taylor
Grand Steward.....	Geo. McManus.....	F. R. Jelfs.....	W. E. Mercer.....	S. M. Fraser.....	F. S. Macpherson.....	A. N. Saddington
Grand Steward.....	W. A. Mahaffy.....	Gaius Allen.....	D. W. McMillan.....	G. E. Hayward.....	A. Hayr.....	H. Macpherson
Grand Steward.....	G. L. Chesney.....	D. L. Murison.....	Gaius Allen.....	J. A. Neff.....	R. C. MacDonald.....	W. J. Haynes
Grand Steward.....	J. S. Lambert.....	G. J. Davis.....	G. J. Davis.....	William Thompson.....	S. M. Fraser.....	H. D. McMillan
Grand Janitor.....	Harvey Brock.....	R. C. Bruce.....	J. L. Johnston.....	Thos. Baird.....	Wm. Burns.....	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1920	1921	1922	1923
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Grand H.....	H. Darling.....	G. B. McLeod.....	W. T. Coota.....	J. E. Johnson.....
Grand J.....	W. T. Coota.....	W. T. Coota.....	J. E. Johnson.....	S. H. Middleton.....
Grand Scribe E.....	J. E. Johnson.....	J. E. Johnson.....	E. G. Ironside.....	E. G. Ironside.....
Grand Scribe N.....	D. McIntosh.....	Jas. R. Flan.....	Jas. A. McGhee.....	J. W. Stephenson.....
Grand Prin. Soj.....	Geo. B. McLeod.....	Jas. A. McGhee.....	R. G. Thomson.....	G. E. Cruickshank.....
Grand Treasurer.....	H. H. Fletcher.....	H. H. Fletcher.....	H. H. Fletcher.....	H. H. Fletcher.....
Grand Registrar.....	Jos. G. Morris.....	G. F. Butler.....	R. C. Rankin.....	W. J. Haynes.....
Grand Senior Soj.....	W. C. Black.....	R. G. Thomson.....	Robt. Evans.....	C. R. Wentzel.....
Grand Junior Soj.....	J. E. Rannard.....	Alex. McKee.....	A. G. Finch.....	James Cleave.....
Grand Lecturer.....	M. M. Downey.....	S. F. Patterson.....	E. C. Dunlop.....	E. C. Dunlop.....
Grand Sword Bearer.....	W. D. Graham.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	A. D. Campbell.....	Joseph Brown.....
Grand M. 1st Veil.....	R. W. Manley.....	W. E. M. Holmes.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	F. J. Folinsbee.....
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	D. C. McKenzie.....	A. C. Sloane.....	D. S. Barcham.....	R. S. Davis.....
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	R. L. McIlveen.....	D. C. McDougall.....	P. R. Campbell.....	C. W. Coppock.....
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	J. B. Sutherland.....	E. C. Locke.....	Peter Maclean.....	C. H. Russell.....
Grand D. of C.....	J. H. Green.....	E. M. Cawker.....	J. W. Oakes.....	W. G. Evans.....
Grand Organist.....	W. A. Ackland.....	W. A. Ackland.....	F. B. Cooper.....	F. B. Cooper.....
Grand Pursivant.....	J. R. Flan.....	E. G. Lamb.....	A. G. Aldridge.....	P. D. Stone.....
Grand Steward.....	G. F. Butler.....	Alex. H. Duff.....	F. A. McEwan.....	Geo. Pattinson.....
Grand Steward.....	M. M. Steele.....	R. P. Umbrite.....	H. C. Ritchie.....	H. H. Humber.....
Grand Steward.....	H. O. Haslam.....	C. W. McKinnon.....	H. W. B. Bell.....	W. A. Fallow.....
Grand Steward.....	Oliver Cowin.....	R. C. Rankin.....	W. D. King.....	W. E. M. Holmes.....
Grand Janitor.....	J. J. Green.....	S. H. Davies.....	J. L. Johnston.....	S. H. Davies.....

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Grand Scribe E.....	E. G. Ironside.....	C. R. Wentzel.....	C. R. Wentzel
Grand Scribe N.....	D. S. Braham.....	J. F. Casteel.....	D. W. Cotton
Grand Prin. Soj.....	W. C. Marsh.....	W. J. Stephenson.....	Ernest Ward
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Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	F. B. Watson.....	John Taylor.....	F. M. Dillon
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	J. W. Oakes.....	W. W. Pratt.....	W. G. Niblock
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	E. G. Lamb.....	H. H. Humber.....	W. B. Way
Grand D. of C.....	J. H. McNeill.....	C. W. E. Cardner.....	Chas. Comba
Grand Organist.....	W. A. Ackland.....	W. A. Ackland.....	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursivant.....	Peter Maclean.....	James Hughes.....	Jas. Hughes
Grand Steward.....	L. S. Crosby.....	H. C. Neal.....	G. E. Long
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CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1925

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1924	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1925	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	F. J. Hand	A. D. Cumming	252	36	21	4	7	—	3	303	51	—	—
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	Matthew Robbins	L. H. Reilly	221	5	1	1	7	3	4	213	8	—	—
3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	Daniel S. Reid	W. B. Stevens	179	5	—	—	4	1	3	176	—	3	—
4	Shenandoah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	Chas. McKay	C. Jungel	163	12	3	—	4	1	2	170	8	—	—
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	W. J. Noble	P. G. Thomas	136	6	1	—	1	—	1	141	5	—	—
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	Albert E. Wynne	G. D. Wallace	84	2	1	—	2	—	—	83	—	1	—
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Tuesday	Fred'k N. Morris	W. V. Price	46	—	—	—	1	—	2	43	—	3	—
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	Friday on or before new moon	H. O. Purkis	C. H. Boag	51	7	1	—	2	1	—	57	6	—	—
9	Otuskuwan	Calgary	1st Thursday	J. V. Follett	J. J. Webster	150	8	—	—	4	5	1	148	2	—	—
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Wed. after full moon	W. W. Brown	Peter Maclean	70	—	—	—	2	17	—	51	—	19	—
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	Thos. Thompson	T. W. Matthews	109	2	—	—	4	2	1	104	—	5	—
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	A. B. Mitchell	A. G. Ayres	140	9	—	—	—	—	—	149	9	—	—
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	Roy M. Lamberton	D. McIntosh	234	7	1	1	3	—	2	238	4	—	—
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	Raymond H. Norton	J. W. G. Morrison	80	2	—	—	1	—	1	80	—	—	—
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	Wed. on or before new moon	Maurice W. Cooke	John Stevenson	52	2	—	—	—	2	1	51	—	1	—
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	E. H. Mack	J. T. Reynolds	37	—	1	—	1	—	—	38	1	—	—
17	Mt. Olivet	Killam	Wed. after new moon	—	H. Delamater	79	5	1	—	1	—	—	84	5	—	—
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	—	John F. Hall	93	11	—	—	—	4	—	100	7	—	—
19	The Hiram	Youngstown	Mon. on or after full moon	James Rennie	David Dishan	99	2	1	—	3	—	—	99	—	—	—
20	Banff	Banff	Thursday after full moon	R. A. Govans	A. N. Saddington	54	4	—	—	—	—	1	57	3	—	—
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thurs.	Orlando G. Craig	Daniel A. Perry	47	3	—	—	—	—	—	50	3	—	—
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	Wednesday after full moon	A. F. Brusso	Wm. Leadbetter	72	3	—	—	4	—	—	71	—	1	—
23	Coronation	Coronation	2nd Thurs. after full moon	Cuthbert Fowler	F. W. Fleming	47	5	1	—	1	—	1	51	4	—	—
24	Crescent	Calgary	4th Thursday	Wm. H. Day	W. H. Parker	122	4	—	—	5	2	1	118	—	4	—
25	Strathcona	So. Edmonton	1st Wednesday	H. Sandilands	Jas. Duncan	46	10	—	—	2	1	—	53	7	—	—
26	Harmony	Bassano	3rd Wednesday	A. G. Scott	Geo. H. Travis	41	11	3	—	—	—	—	56	14	—	—
27	Ebeyeih	Drumheller	1st Friday	Jas. Hughes	A. H. Jones	48	9	2	—	2	—	1	56	8	—	—
Totals						2752	170	37	6	60	39	25	2840	135	47	88
Deduct error Sheshinah No. 4						1 Add error Kether No. 8										
Deduct error Mt. Horeb, No. 6						2 Add error Harmony No. 26										
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The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on the Third Wednesday, being the 16th day of March, 1927.



Grand Scribe E.

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APPENDIX

REPORT *of* COMMITTEE *on* FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Z.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to submit the following report on our "visitations" to the several Grand Royal Arch Chapters.

Peace and harmony seem to prevail in all Grand Chapters and "service" appears to be the keynote in the Grand Officers' addresses.

Many Grand Bodies are paying particular attention to Educational matters and some have established Students Loan Funds with satisfactory results.

"Rough House and Horse Play" methods are frowned upon in every instance and an endeavor to have the degrees exemplified in a more dignified manner prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.
S. Y. TAYLOR,
F. S. SELWOOD.

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Alabama	1924	New Brunswick.....	1924
Arizona	1925	New Hampshire.....	1925
British Columbia..	1925	New Jersey	1925
California	1925	New South Wales....	1924
Canada	1925	New Mexico	1925
Connecticut	1925	New York	1925
Delaware	1925	North Carolina	1925
District of Columbia	1925	North Dakota.....	1925
England	1924	Nova Scotia.....	1925
Florida	1925	Oklahoma	1925
Georgia	1925	Oregon	1925
Illinois	1925	Pennsylvania	1924
Iowa	1925	Quebec	1925
Ireland	1924	Saskatchewan.....	1925
Kansas	1925	Scotland	1925
Louisiana	1925	South Carolina.....	1925
Maine	1925	South Dakota	1925
Manitoba	1925	Utah	1925
Maryland	1924	Victoria	1925
Massachusetts.....	1924	Vermont	1925
Michigan	1925	West Virginia	1924
Mississippi	1925	Wisconsin	1925
Missouri	1925	Wyoming	1925
Nevada	1925		

ALABAMA

98th Annual Convocation

Held at Montgomery, Alabama, 1st December, 1924.

M. E. Comp. Joseph Leon Gunter, Grand High Priest, supported by fifteen Past Grand High Priests.

Alberta's Representative, Robert E. Howard, present.

Grand Chapter opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The address of the G.H.P. was a clear-cut business statement, which met with the strong approval of the Committee on Addresses. Here is a quotation from the Committee report: "The Grand High Priest has, in a large measure, stamped upon Capitular Masonry in Alabama those high ideals which have characterized his personal and Masonic life."

A Companion can be a member of only one Chapter.

The Proceedings of Alberta, 1923, were reviewed in a kindly manner.

87 Chapters. 15,488 Members. Gain, 337.

ARIZONA

35th Annual Convocation.

Held at Phoenix, 10th, February 1925.

Alberta represented by E. Comp. E. H. McEachren.

M. E. Comp. Frank Thomas, G.H.P., regretted that he was unable to visit the various subordinate Chapters. No grievances or decisions during the year.

12 Chapters. 1,306 Members. Gain, 36.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

7th Annual Convocation

Held at Kamloops, 17th, June 1925.

R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E. and Alberta's representative, was, of course, present.

The address given by M. E. Comp. F. C. Bird, Grand Z., was a clear concise report of an active officer. During his term he constituted and consecrated Penticton Chapter, issued dispensations to two new Chapters at Vancouver, made sixteen visitations within his Jurisdiction and visited Chapters at Bellingham and Seattle in the Grand Chapter of Washington.

Here is his idea of a Freemason:

"A real Freemason is one who so lives that little children may be happier, youth more joyous, manhood more clean, old age less lonely; who so lives that men will hate less and love more; be honorable in public dealings as in private acts; who sees in Freemasonry, above all things else, the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

"No man can study Freemasonry and not be broadened and elevated, and no Freemason can be too well informed."

And again:

"The acme of Masonic life is Service. May we, one and all, Serve and not Swerve in our duty, so that the world may be brighter and better for our having lived in it."

The reports of R. E. Comp. T. H. Carey, Grand J. and of the four Superintendents of Districts show that the several Chapters are making good progress.

The Grand Registrar R. E. Comp. S. Fea gives a history of Cyrus Chapter No. 10, formerly No. 142 on the registry of "Canada", which had recently attained its "majority or coming of age."

R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, in addition to being Grand Scribe E, is chairman of the Correspondence Committee and his report is a

splendid one. He gives "Alberta" seven pages, covering our Tenth Anniversary Convocation as well as the Annual. We thank him for his complimentary references and trust he will ever think kindly of "Alberta."

24 Chapters. 2,549 Members. Gain, 106.

CALIFORNIA

71st Annual Convocation.

Held at San Francisco, 21st April, 1925.

Grand High Priest, Rudolph Beck, presiding.

Our Representative, Comp. Charles H. King, was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. We congratulate our Companion on his preferment.

One of the outstanding features of each annual convocation is the reception of survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18th, 1906. On this occasion five survivors were present.

The Grand High Priest expressed his regrets that he had been unable to visit most of the Chapters; but we note that during his visitations he travelled 5,490 miles.

He refused to allow a petitioner to be rushed through the ballot and degrees. He also refused to allow Capitular clothing to be worn at a church service.

121 Chapters. 23,546 Members. Gain, 1,449.

CANADA

67th Annual Convocation

Held at Windsor, 25th February, 1925.

M. E. Comp. Walter H. Davis, Grand Z., presided. 126 Chapters represented.

Grand Chapter delegates were welcomed to Windsor by The Mayor, Comp. F. J. Mitchell. Distinguished Companions from New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Quebec were received and accorded Grand honors.

The Grand Z refused permission to Companions to wear regalia "in procession through the public streets." "Masonry, in my opinion, should dwell in the heads and hearts of its devotees and be exemplified in their lives and actions and not be a subject for public and possibly unprofitable display."

Decisions:

"That a Lewis, who had received the Royal Arch Degrees in Scotland could not affiliate with one of our Chapters until he had attained the age of twenty-one years."

"That a Companion, charged in his Symbolic Lodge with a Masonic offence, should be suspended from Royal Arch privileges pending trial. This Brother has since been indefinitely suspended by his Lodge. I have ruled that he stand suspended from Royal Arch privileges until Grand Lodge shall deal with the matter. If Grand Lodge confirms suspension or expels him, Section 86 of our Constitution will determine our action."

The Grand Z concludes his admirable address with the following: "The Keynote of Masonry is Service; service to our fellows, our Lodges and Chapters, our country and our God. May we one and all endeavour to give such service that the world will be brighter and better for our having lived in it."

The report of the Committee re Order of DeMolay declared that "The Order of De Molay is non-Masonic and therefore we should not sponsor it." Grand Chapter declared itself in favor of the report.

M. E. Comp. W. N. Ponton devotes over three pages of the Correspondence Report to Alberta, 1924.

He concludes his splendid report in the following words: "These are spacious days—and we must live life abundantly. Therefore I have taken generous extracts from the trestle boards and treasure houses of our Sister Jurisdictions, 'Our hope is in the aftermath.' Those who read the foregoing 'Diary of Fellowship' and wisdom, will surely agree with Newton when he says that Masonry is a thing of poetry and drama—of thought and inspiration, that Masonry is organized brotherhood—organized patriotism, and that every voyage in our staunch Craft is a journey in search of truth—and true happiness. More and more do we not realize that we English-speaking Masons (with our allies of kindred aims) must draw more closely together—lengthen the cords—strengthen the stakes—'Half the world united can make the world anew.' Let us not merely talk about the cement of amity and unity—let us *mix the mortar*. Let us be a league of Masons—a league of good cheer—a far-flung brother line—noble, not ignoble—and joining together responsively in that gracious English universal grace. 'For good fare—good faith—good fellowship, thank God, thank God.'"

153 Chapters. 25,315 Members. Gain, 768.

CONNECTICUT

127th Annual Convocation.

Held at Hartford, 12th May, 1925.

M. E. Comp. William O. Shelley, Grand High Priest.

Alberta's Representative, William Bowers, elected Grand High Priest for 1925-26.

All forty-four Chapters in the Jurisdiction were represented.

The Grand High Priests of New York, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, and prominent officers of Massachusetts, Washington and the General Grand Chapter were present and welcomed with Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest covered fully his work and visitations during his term.

He was called upon to make only one decision:

Question: May he apply for affiliation and **after** election here, ask for his demit, thus insuring a membership somewhere, all the time, or must he apply for, and receive his demit **before** applying for affiliation?

In the latter case it might happen that he failed of election, which appears to me would leave him a man "without a country" or a R.A.M. without a membership anywhere.

Answer: An application for affiliation must be accompanied by a demit. If the application is rejected, the demit is returned to the Companion and he then is in the position of a non-affiliated Mason.

This does not, however, destroy his rights as a Royal Arch Mason and he can visit any Chapter or mingle with his Companions according to the constitution and by-laws of the Chapter where he may be visiting.

He also has the privilege of making application for affiliation to not only his former Chapter, but any other Chapter he may elect.

M. E. Comp. Geo. A. Kies, P.G.H.P., writes the Correspondence Review in his usual able manner and devotes a full page to "Alberta."

44 Chapters. 16,152 Members. Gain, 393.

DELAWARE

57th Annual Convocation

Held at Wilmington, 21st January, 1925.

Alberta's Representative, M. E. Comp. John W. Macklem present as Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. John E. Krauss, reported "That in no way has dissention entered our ranks and I have therefore not been called upon to make any momentous decisions."

5 Chapters. 2,065 Members. Gain, 16.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

58th Annual Convocation

Held at Washington, 11th February, 1925.

Ex. Comp. James A. West represented Alberta.

Ex. Comp. Arvine W. Johnston, who for twenty-eight years had been Grand Secretary, retired on account of ill health. Grand Chapter conferred upon him the rank of "Grand Secretary Emeritus" with full pay for the remainder of his life. Our best wishes go out to Comp. Johnston, for a long and happy life among his Companions who love him so well.

The Grand High Priest gave only one decision of importance:

"The substance of the decision is set forth in the following extract from my letter to the High Priest of the Chapter concerned:

"While there is no express prohibition in our Grand Chapter law against the issuance of a duplicate dimit, neither is there any authorization of such an issue. It has been the custom of the Grand Chapter to follow the law and regulations of the Grand Lodge, when applicable, in cases where explicit legislation has not been enacted by the former body. Our Grand Lodge has gone on record at least twice in denying the right of a lodge to issue a duplicate dimit and in approving instead the issuance of a certificate to the effect that a dimit had been granted to _____ under date of _____, and that the dimit having been lost (or destroyed) the certificate is given him in lieu thereof. Preliminary to issuing such a certificate, a statement that the dimit had not been deposited in any lodge is required from the dimitted brother.

"Believing that this practice is proper, I decide that it is not within the province of a Chapter to issue a duplicate dimit and direct that in lieu thereof a certificate of the general tenor of that set forth above be issued."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is prefaced by four pages on the attitude of Congress towards the Education Bills, which have been supported by many U.S. Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters, but have so far failed to become law. It is good reading for those in favor of public schools.

15 Chapters. 6,611 Members. Gain, 113.

ENGLAND

Quarterly Convocations of 5th November, 1924; 4th February, 1925, and 6th May, 1925.

Held in Freemasons Hall, London.

M. E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Amptill, First Grand Principal.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes that fraternal relations with Quebec, which were broken in 1886, should be resumed, was carried unanimously.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were accorded recognition.

One hundred Guineas were contributed to the St. Pauls Cathedral Preservation Fund.

The close connection of the Royal Arch with the Grand Lodge is clearly set forth in the following:

M. E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Amptill, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E. (Pro First Grand Principal): Companions, at the meeting of Grand Lodge last week, I took occasion to make a few observations about the method of conferring past and present Grand Rank, and it seems to me to be appropriate that I should supplement those remarks with a few observations on this occasion. As I premised before investing the Grand Officers this evening in the name of the Most Excellent the First Grand Principal, the majority of these appointments that have been made tonight are *ex-officio* appointments. Some of them like the Grand

Principals, the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Registrar, are expressly prescribed by the Royal Arch Regulations. The Royal Arch Regulations not only say that the Grand Master of the Fraternity shall be First Grand Principal, but they also go on to say that the Pro Grand Master shall be Pro First Grand Principal and the Deputy Grand Master is to be Second Grand Principal, and the same applies to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Registrar; but what I want to tell you is, that most of the other appointments are consequential on the appointments which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to make in Grand Lodge, and they are therefore to be regarded not as additional honorific distinctions, but as necessary supplementary qualifications for those duties which the Grand Officers have to perform. I want only just to remind you of the first Article of the Book of Constitutions. That first Article is headed "Declaration," and it runs as follows:

"By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England in December, 1813, it was 'declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch'."

Well, Companions, the Royal Arch Regulations have been framed in accordance with that original Declaration, and the practice of our Order has been in conformity with that Declaration, but a great deal still remains to be done, I am sure you will agree with me, before we fully realise the ideal which the original founders of our present Constitution had in mind. There is a very strong movement from below to make the Royal Arch degree what it claims to be—an essential part of pure and Antient—of Craft-Masonry, and the necessary completion of it, and what I want to beg you to do is to reflect very carefully on that Declaration which stands at the head of the Book of Constitutions, and on the fact that, as Officers of the Grand Lodge of England you have been appointed *ex-officio* Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter. If you will kindly bear that in mind, you are bound to arrive at a very definite conclusion and that is, that you have a particular duty towards Royal Arch Masonry, to help those who are striving from below with so much earnestness and zeal at the present time to make the Royal Arch what it claims to be, with such encouragement and assistance as you can give from the positions of eminence and authority which the First Grand Principal has conferred upon you. I am not going to suggest to you what you should do, or how you should do it; most of you know a great deal better than I do what there is to be done, and how it can be done. There is a different way for each one of us in accordance with his peculiar opportunities, and the situation in which he finds himself; but I felt, Companions, that I should be neglecting the duty imposed upon me, so long as I did not just remind you of those two things, first, of the Declaration that heads our Book of Constitutions, and secondly, that all the appointments made today are consequential on your appointment as Officers of Grand Lodge.

FLORIDA

79th Annual Convocation

Held at Jacksonville, 19th and 20th May, 1925.

Ex. Comp. James M. Willson, Alberta's Representative, was present.

M. E. Comp. E. L. Wirt, Grand High Priest, states in his address: "that harmony has prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction and no grievances have been brought to my attention."

He ruled that "Physical perfection is not required in a candidate for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each Chapter."

The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch were exemplified by officers from Jacksonville Chapter No. 12. The question as to what aprons were proper to be furnished the workmen in the Royal Arch degree was submitted. After a full discussion, the motion was made and carried that they should be furnished with Master Mason's aprons to be worn as Master Masons.

Recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was granted, but recognition of Queensland was withheld.

In the Fraternal Correspondence report, M. E. Comp. Ely P. Hubbell devotes three pages to Alberta. His full report of 153 pages is most comprehensive and his criticisms at all times kindly.

51 Chapters. 7,948 Members. Gain, 543.

GEORGIA

103rd Annual Convocation

Held at Macon, 29th April, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

M. W. Bro. James D. Hamrick, Grand Master of Masons and Rt. Eminent Sir Sid Jones, Grand Commander of Knights Templar were visitors.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Early H. Johnson was very active in his duties. He reports "peace and harmony" and "While the accomplishments of the past year are far from what we might have wished for, yet, when all facts are considered, there appears to be no cause for pessimism." He arrested three Charters owing to lack of interest in Capitular work. He attended six District Conventions but "fails to see where any great good has been accomplished by these conventions, when we consider the amount of money, time and energy which has been expended."

162 Chapters. 19,015 Members. Gain, 43.

ILLINOIS

76th Annual Convocation

Held at Chicago, 29th October, 1925.

R. E. Comp. A. J. Schattgen, Alberta's Representative, was elected to the office of Grand High Priest for 1926. We congratulate our Companion and wish him a very prosperous and successful term.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. H. A. Clevenshine, during his year had occasion to "call down" a Chapter for giving "an entertainment, a part of which was of such a character as self-respecting

Masons should be ashamed to witness or listen to." His order to the Chapters in this connection was a strong explicit document and we doubt if any Chapter in this Jurisdiction will repeat "such a spectacle."

He ruled that a Chapter should not use its funds to "secure right of way for the State hard roads system through its immediate vicinity." He also ruled that Chapter funds could not be used to assist financially a Chapter of De Molay "as that Order does not claim to be any part of Masonry."

He praises the District Inspectors for their valuable assistance. His address throughout is businesslike and shows that he was active in his duties.

The Correspondent, M. E. Comp. E. R. Turnbull, devotes four and a half pages of his report to Alberta's convocations of 1924 and 1925. He compliments us on our wisdom in celebrating the tenth anniversary "Grand Chapters cannot begin too early to preserve their records."

237 Chapters. 88,997 Members. Gain, 2,586.

IOWA

72nd Annual Convocation

Held at Carroll, 8th October, 1925.

Alberta's Representative absent.

M. E. Comp. Harry E. Virden, Grand High Priest, in speaking of Iowa's slight loss in membership has this to say:

"This past year has been one of reconstruction. We are glad to report that many are yet seeking admission at our doors: but it is in quality rather than in quantity that Capitular Masonry is now growing. The period of the war was one of rapid but indiscriminating growth. Now it is in cool blood and after deliberate consideration that membership is being sought. In figures then we cannot make the glowing reports of the past years. However, Capitular Masonry is truer to its historic past when it searches with a more scrutinizing eye the character of its applicants."

He made many visitations, his policy being to visit a number of the Chapters at their regular meetings and to make his visits unannounced. "I wished to see how these meetings were attended and the regular business conducted. I found the attendance at these meetings, on the whole, inexcusably poor, and the manner of transacting business indifferent without justification." "I wish it were possible to impress on every Royal Arch Mason that the regular convocations of his Chapter are the most important of the year."

He ruled that a Companion who had asked for his dimit after the regular Convocation in December, 1924, owed dues for 1925. He also ruled against rough roads.

"Alberta" for 1924 and 1925 was reviewed in a kindly manner by M. E. Comp. Edward M. Willard, correspondent. He says of our "Tenth Anniversary Meeting": "A very pleasant time was had and the meeting closed with the happy reflection that Masonic influence throughout the Grand Jurisdiction was lending its aid to the uplift of mankind."

127 Chapters. 23,860 Members. Loss, 84.

IRELAND

1924

Stated Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland were held on the First Wednesday of the months of February, May, July and November.

The principal officers for 1925 are: The Right Hon. The Lord Muskerry, M. E. Grand King; Col. Sir William Taylor, K.B.E., C.B., M. E. Deputy Grand King; Thomas J. Smalley, M. E. Grand High Priest; George M. Irwin, M. E. Grand Chief Scribe.

There are five District Grand Chapters presided over by "First Principals." Each of the District First Principals reported prosperity.

During the year recognition was extended to the following Grand Chapters: New South Wales, Rhode Island, Michigan, Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan.

KANSAS

60th Annual Convocation

Held at Wichita, 23rd February, 1925.

Thirty-eight Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters were present. Alberta's Representative absent.

Distinguished visitors in the persons of R. E. Comp. Harry L. Izor, Deputy G. H. P. of Michigan; M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson, General Grand Captain of the Host, and R. E. Comp. Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter;

M. E. Comp. Wm. Easton Hutchison, Grand High Priest, in his address reported peace and harmony in every part of his jurisdiction. With reference to increase in membership he makes the following pointed remarks:

"One thousand and fifty-three were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction during the year just closing, and we have every reason to trust and believe they were in truth and in fact EXALTED. But with this very satisfactory growth and increase numerically, we might very justly question the right to a showing of profit on the balance sheet of the year's work unless the other 20,000 companions have become further EXALTED than ever before, and have supplemented their Masonic facilities and inclinations for usefulness by making still further and more important discoveries in their constant search for the Word—the search after Divine Truth. This and this only is the Mason's Work and the Word is the Mason's reward."

R. E. Comp. Charles A. Conover, Secretary General Grand Chapter, gave a splendid address on "The Origin and Development of the Royal Arch System." This address was a condensed edition of those given by him in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, copies of which were provided for Alberta Grand Officers in 1924.

Queensland was recognized.

By vote of Grand Chapter, lantern slides may be used in the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree.

94 Chapters. 21,356 Members. Gain, 569.

LOUISIANA

78th Annual Convocation

Held at New Orleans, 3rd February, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Leon S. Haas, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Representative for Alberta, was present and was elected Grand High Priest for 1925.

The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. David Ettinger, reported "splendid progress". He objects to "state-wide meetings" as "injurious to the life and activities of the Chapters."

"Queensland" was recognized and interchange of representatives authorized.

Two new Chapters were chartered.

.. Chapters. 9,140 Members. Gain, 487.

MAINE

100th Annual Convocation

Held at Portland, Me., 5th May, 1925.

R. E. Comp. W. Scott Shorey, Alberta's Representative, present.

M. E. Comp. John Albert Blake, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was present.

Other distinguished visitors were: M. E. Comp. J. W. Birmingham G.H.P. of New York; M. E. Comp. D. E. Spears, G.H.P. of Rhode Island, M. E. Comp. W. R. Couper, Grand First Principal of Quebec and R. E. Comp. W. J. Cushing, Dep. G. H. P. of Massachusetts.

We quote the Grand High Priests remarks on "Conditions of the Craft":

Capitular Masonry throughout our State still makes a progress that is gratifying. Interest in the work has been quickened in some Chapters which have been more or less inactive in recent years. There is a continued progress in the elimination of undignified procedure in certain parts of the work of subordinate chapters, and I am led to believe that it will not be long before all the work will be presented in that dignified and impressive manner which alone benefits Masonic effort, and by all our Chapters. There are numerous minor details which visiting officers point out again and again should be remedied, but to which little or no attention is paid. In the interest of uniformity, the officers of our Chapters should give heed to these suggestions. The proper care of Books of Marks; the proper lettering of the Ark; the

elimination of interpretations of the work which do not comport with the dignity of the Royal Craft and certainly tend to destroy the proper impression for the candidates; all these things should receive more attention among some of our chapters than they do.

The great majority of our Chapters are very prosperous. The financial standing of them all is excellent, and I feel quite sure that the real interest of our companions had deepened and increased in the work during this past year. The mere tabulation of statistics is by no means the sole criterion of judgment of the effectiveness and success of an organization. What it does and what it is are greater standards by which to judge its real worth. There is no question whatever that, judged by these worthwhile standards, Capitular Masonry in Maine is steadily advancing. We are appreciating increasingly the solemnity and the dignity of our ritualistic work, and I trust are therefore giving larger expression to the lessons which we learn, in our daily contact with our fellow man.

67 Chapters. 17,398 Members. Gain, 465.

MANITOBA

2nd Annual Convocation

Held at Winnipeg, 4th February, 1925.

M. E. Comp. Fred L. Newman, Alberta's Representative, present as Grand Z.

M. E. Comp. Jas. McCauley, Grand Z of Saskatchewan and M. E. Comp. Wm. T. Johnston, Grand High Priest of North Dakota, were received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Z reported that, notwithstanding the "poor business conditions" a most wonderful growth had occurred. He complimented the Grand Superintendents on the good work they had performed during the year. He visited every Chapter and found all were "making a very creditable showing."

On his recommendation Grand Chapter adopted a standard sized Keystone for the Mark Master Degree: "Length of side 7 inches, length through centre $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width at bottom $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width at top $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, thickness $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches all over."

Grand Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, in his report, referred to his visit to Alberta's Tenth Anniversary: "I was cordially received and in every possible way honored as your representative." Come often Comp. Moulden.

14 Chapters. 1,610 Members. Gain, 79.

MARYLAND

127th Annual Convocation

Held at Baltimore, 9th December, 1924.

Ex. Comp. Harry O. Perry representing Alberta, present.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Chas. H. Carroll refused on two occasions to issue dispensations to Chapters to go to other towns to confer degrees. "A Chapter is not a movable body, and holds its Charter 'to hold and do work' at a stated place." He decided that it would **not** be proper for any Past High Priest to open and preside in the absence of High Priest, King and Scribe." He also decided that "A Chapter has **not** the right to receive an application of a minister without paying a fee."

He ruled that the fees of an army officer elected in 1919 to receive the degrees, and who left without having received them, should be returned to the applicant.

Comp. Rev. Henry Branch, D.D., is again Chairman of the Correspondence report, Alberta being favorably reviewed.

27 Chapters. 9,494 Members. Gain, 400.

MASSACHUSETTS

Quarterly Convocations of March 11th, June 10th and Sept. 30th, 1924.

The 126th Annual Convocation held at Boston, December 9th, 1924.

Alberta's Representative was absent.

Many distinguished Companions from Sister Jurisdictions were present at the Convocations.

It is impossible to make excerpts from all the splendid addresses given but we quote a few from the address of Ex. Comp. Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Scribe N. and President of the Board of General Purposes of England:

"We have too great a world to face, we have too mighty a task before us, to waste our energy in anything but that which is essential to the well being of our organization, being filled with the belief that, in the success of our organization, truly lies very much of the future peace, happiness, and well being of the world."

"One assists in work of this kind because he believes—because, indeed, he knows—that in Masonry there is that which, if practised by every one of us in our lives, in our homes, in our relations with our fellowmen, will increasingly make for the progress, for the peace, and for the consequent prosperity of the world."

"Now I believe every movement we make in Masonry toward a better understanding between man and man, between peoples and

peoples, assists our instinctive revolt against the continuance of wars. This, in itself, is a real service to mankind. It is not sufficient to stand aside and say, "These things are bound to come; nothing we can do will stop them." There is something we ought to do—there is something in Masonry—and it can be done by standing firm on the grand principles upon which Masonry is founded, and upon which it must rest, if it is to exist, as I believe it must and will exist for all time. Ours is a doctrine which, when well and truly carried out, uplifts a man. A man who is uplifted helps to uplift other men; and, with the general uplift the world moves on, more and more to understand the value of our three grand principles, brotherly love, relief, and above all, truth. With truth to each other, with truth to ourselves, with the intention to devote our lives to the best purposes, Masonry will go on doing an increasingly great work."

M. E. Comp. Curtis Chipman, G.H.P., in his annual address gives in detail his many visitations and other work of the year. It is the report of a busy officer and an expert Craftsman. He reports that "The year has been marked by an enthusiasm and loyalty which has carried us far in establishing the Capitular Rite on the lofty plane of Masonic endeavor which its importance demands."

"Alberta" is reviewed in the Correspondence Report by M. E. Comp. Frederick T. Comee, who is also the Grand Secretary. In his "Conclusion" he gives the Massachusetts system of Election of Officers:

"Our Grand High Priest is almost invariably elected for three consecutive terms as we feel he can then give the Grand Body much better service than would be possible in the brief period of a single year; the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe serve but one year thereby becoming Permanent Members of the Grand Chapter, and having accepted their office fully understanding that it was simply for a one year term of service there can be no disappointment or complaint at their retirement at the end of that term.

On the retirement of a Grand High Priest (the Grand Regulations forbid a service of more than three successive years) his successor is chosen from our Permanent Membership and we endeavor to select one who has clearly demonstrated an ability to perform the duties of that office. I think we will all agree that where "promotion in line" is prevalent, it is inevitable that at some time a Grand High Priest will be elected who is not qualified for the office, simply because he is in line for the promotion and to avoid creating dissatisfaction among his personal friends, yet he never would have been considered for that office if he had not been "in the line."

Another good feature of our regulations, at least we strongly so consider it, is that High Priests of our constituent Chapters are members of our Grand Chapter *only* during their term of service at the head of their Chapters."

We have no doubt that the Massachusetts system of election would be satisfactory in a large jurisdiction but doubt that it would be workable in a young and small Jurisdiction such as "Alberta."

95 Chapters. 40,724 Members. Gain, 1533.

MICHIGAN

77th Annual Convocation

Held at Detroit, 20th May, 1925.

Ex. Comp. Charles W. Mixer, Alberta's Representative, was present.

Evidently from the spoken words and actions of his Companions, M.E. Comp. Wm. E. Goff, Grand High Priest, is not only very popular as a man, but was entirely satisfactory as a ruler of the Craft.

Twenty-six distinguished visitors were present and were received with "private Grand Honors."

Rocky roads and other horse play is banned by edict of Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest was not called upon to make any decisions during his term.

In addition to being sponsors to several DeMolay Chapters for boys, Grand Chapter supports a summer camp for De Molay boys at Bear Lake.

The Grand Secretary "Charlie" Conover, continues his good work of education instead of the usual Correspondence Report. This year he carries on "The History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree and dependent Grades." "Being an effort to bring together into one book scattered records not to be found in any one Work." The effort is worth while and should be of lasting benefit to Royal Arch Masons.

167 Chapters. 45,810 Members. Gain, 1,256.

MISSISSIPPI

77th Annual Convocation

Held at Jackson, 25th February, 1925.

Alberta's Representative, Ex. Comp. Thomas E. Moody, present.

M. E. Comp. C. J. Van Arsdall, Grand High Priest, was very active in his visitations. He "deplores the fact that so many of the Chapters seem not to have caught the vision of Service." "As I see it, there are two great troubles: First, the innumerable diversions which attract us to other things and second, pure and unadulterated indifference."

His comments are plain and to the point. "Rough house and horse play" was hit hard, A campaign to induce Master Masons to "go further" was instituted.

71 Chapters. 7,729 Members. Gain, 226.

MISSOURI

79th Annual Convocation

Held at Excelsior Springs, 28th April, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

Prior to the opening of Grand Chapter a memorial session in which tribute was paid to the following distinguished Companions who had departed this life during the year:

M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Kuhn
M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Johnson
E. Comp. Wm. A. Cristy.

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Willis A. McCullah, an indefatigable worker, reported harmony and unanimity. "Improvement has been made in our ritualistic ceremonies and fraternal relations have been continued and extended."

He raps "chain letters" as "superstitious and unMasonic."

His well-prepared address concludes with the following beautiful thought:

"Ere we close our task, let us hope that the materials we have gathered from distant quarry and workshop may be found of value in the construction of our spiritual, moral and Masonic edifice. May our Institution stand like the burning bush on the Midian plain, which would not be consumed; and as the bush emitted flames which leaped into the heart of Moses and filled him with power, so may our Institution send forth messages which will stir and bless all mankind."

M. E. Comp. David M. Wilson, Chairman on Correspondence, devotes more than a page of space to Alberta in his usual kindly manner

112 Chapters. 35,706 Members. Gain, 620.

NEVADA

52nd Annual Convocation

Held at Reno, 9th June, 1925.

Ex. Comp. Charles P. Hoskins, representing Alberta.

The address of the Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Edward Barber is short and businesslike. He ordered that "rough stuff" in the Chapters be stopped. He recommended that "every Chapter with in our Jurisdiction be compelled to put on all of the degrees at least once during the Masonic year." He "slapped Grand Chapter on the wrist" for not adopting "some one ritual."

An annual levy of fifty cents per capita of the membership is devoted to the "Royal Arch Student Loan Fund," not more than one hundred and fifty dollars to be loaned to any one individual. No security is asked but two or more recommendations from reputable people are necessary.

8 Chapters. 645 Members. Gain, 5.

NEW BRUNSWICK

37th Annual Convocation

Held at Moncton, 27th August, 1924.

Eight Chapters were represented. Eleven Grand Chapter Officers in attendance.

Grand Chapter was presided over by R. E. Comp. William H. Smith, Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. George E. Day, having "passed on" to the Supreme Grand Lodge above, in April.

\$500 was donated to the New Brunswick Protestant Orphan's Home.

New Brunswick does not publish a Correspondence Report.

10 Chapters. 1,573 Members. Gain, 94.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

106th Annual Convocation

Held at Concord, 19th May, 1925.

Alberta's Representative absent. 22 Chapters represented.

Fourteen distinguished visitors were present.

Ex. Comp. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, makes the following very interesting statement:

"That Capitular Masonry has reached so great a success is evident in the efforts of uniformity in nearly every Grand Chapter who have Grand Lecturers. The rituals may differ in cipher, but the esoteric work and the essentials are almost, one might say, universal"

"The total net gain in membership has been such that with a total of 877,413 in the United States and 134,371 in foreign countries gives us the million Companions which we predicted in one of our earlier reports."

26 Chapters. 5,886 Members. Gain, 42.

NEW JERSEY

69th Annual Convocation

Held at Trenton, 13th May, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Pike represented "Alberta."

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, New York and Rhode Island accompanied M. E. Comp. J. Albert Blake, General Grand High Priest, on his visit to New Jersey.

The address of M. E. Comp. Fred E. Tilden, Grand High Priest is above criticism, covering as it does both the business and the fraternal sides of his work in a masterly manner. He praises where praise is due and does not hesitate to condemn those who shirk their responsibilities. In one case the officers of a Chapter absented themselves from a District Chapter of Instruction to attend a reception and dance given by another branch of Masonry.

We wish we had sufficient space to quote him in full; here, however, is the concluding clause of his criticism of the "backsliders":

"I advert to this subject, because the action of these officers, in remaining away from this District Grand Chapter of Instruction, evidenced very little respect or consideration for either the requirements of the Grand Chapter, the efforts of their District Deputy, who worked hard and unceasingly to impart this work for their benefit, their respective Chapters, and last, but not least, for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. I sincerely hope that no future Grand High Priest will be forced to comment adversely for a like reason."

A few of the officers of Alberta Chapters might take this to heart. It is good medicine.

He refused a dispensation to a Chapter to participate in a parade, as Royal Arch Masons, to lay a corner stone, as "the ceremonies must naturally be with the Blue Lodges," etc.

On lack of interest and non-attendance he says:

"In many of the monthly bulletins issued by our subordinate Chapters is found a pitiful plea to the members to give support and encouragement to their officers by attendance at Convocations. What is the reason for non-attendance? Why the lack of interest? How much of it is due to lack of knowledge as to what Masonry is, and what it is all about? What attempt is being made by our Chapters to reach and interest the ninety per cent. of their membership who do not attend its Convocations? The answer to these queries may disclose the solution of this problem. Education of our membership in the Symbolism of Free Masonry and particularly of the Royal Arch would give all our Companions a clearer conception of the obligations, ideals and aspirations of Masonry, and the duty enjoined thereby to God, our Country, and our fellowman. Thus, we may confidently hope that with the realization of a duty to be performed this apathetic indifference will vanish, and we will become conscious that Masonic work does not consist simply and solely in conferring degrees, but that it is pre-eminently in the discharge of the duties enjoined by its teachings.

"The interpretation of that duty is clearly indicated in the scriptural passage so familiar to all Royal Arch Masons: 'I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.' It is in these terms of service that we discover the meaning of the Word which was lost, and the path we must tread in our endeavor to put into practice the precepts of Royal Arch Masonry."

During the year "New Jersey" lost by death two Grand Chapter officers in the persons of M. E. Comp. Edward Mills, Grand Treasurer, and M. E. Comp. Dr. Peter McGill, Grand Secretary. We mourn, with our Sister Grand Chapter in the great loss it has sustained.

Our Convocation of 1924 is ably and kindly reviewed by Ex. Comp. Rev. A. Boylan Fitzgerald, Acting Chairman. He gives two pages to "Alberta."

57 Chapters. 19,328 Members. Gain, 944.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Quarterly Convocations of 13th February, 14th May, 13th August and 12th November, 1924. and Special Convocation 29th November, 1924.

Alberta's Representative M. E. Comp. C. E. Abbott was present at the February, May and November Quarterlies, and at the Special Convocation of November 29th.

A Grand "Inspector of Workings" takes the place of our District Superintendents.

Ex. Comp. A. J. Burbidge, Grand Scribe E. (Secretary) retired after a faithful service of twenty-nine years. Grand Chapter voted him a pension of £78 per annum. R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Hutchison was elected to the office of Grand Scribe E.

66 Chapters. No report of number of members.

NEW MEXICO

27th Annual Convocation

Held at Silver City, 19th February, 1925.

No exchange of Representatives.

The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. John M. Bowman rules that: "New members should learn the proficiency lectures before being advanced." That "A Masonic Brother with an artificial leg was eligible to receive the Chapter degrees."

Three Chapters were penalized for being late in filing their returns in the Grand Secretary's office.

\$800.00 was transferred to the Masonic Home Fund.

No Correspondence report.

16 Chapters. 1,973 Members. Gain, 68.

NEW YORK

128th Annual Convocation

Held at Albany, 3rd February, 1925.

E. Comp. W. Stanley Child, Alberta's Representative present.

Many distinguished visitors were present including officers of the Grand Council R. & S. M., Grand Commandery, Supreme Council A. & A. S. R., Grand Chapters of Michigan, Canada, Delaware, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the General Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Frederick L. Dutcher, Grand High Priest, in a lengthy address, covers in full his activities for the year. He made many visitations at home and abroad and no doubt had a busy year.

He ruled that a Brother who had lost his left foot might receive the Chapter degrees. He states that he had not during the year to render any decisions of importance. He complimented the assistant Grand Chapters on their loyalty and devotion.

\$5000 was voted for the relief of distressed tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependants.

Grand Chapter ruled that "No more than two degrees shall be conferred at the same Convocation. At least one week must elapse between the conferring of the Degree of Most Excellent Master and that of Royal Arch Mason."

225 Chapters. 69,906 Members. Gain, 2,380.

NORTH CAROLINA

77th Annual Convocation

Held at Gastonia, 12th May, 1925.

"Alberta" not represented.

M. E. Comp. E. Rowley Hampton, Grand High Priest, notwithstanding his extremely poor health, showed great zeal for the cause." He intended to hold Reunion Meetings in each of nine districts but found after the first meeting that he was unable to carry on without great risk to his health.

He allowed a Chapter to confer the degrees on a Brother who had lost a leg and could use an artificial limb.

He is of the opinion that instead of barring Master Masons from participation in the Chapter degrees until six months have elapsed, that they should be encouraged to immediately petition for the Capital degrees.

There seems to be "real Masonry among our North Carolina Brethren. They have a Masonic Home, a Library Fund, a Masonic Educational Loan Fund and a Tubercular Fund. Evidently they are not of the opinion that the conferring of degrees is sufficient proof that the order should exist.

The Grand Treasurer, on account of failing health and partial loss of eye sight wished to be relieved of his duties. Grand Chapter re-elected him but appointed another to do his work. Real Masonry.

368 Exaltations. 324 Suspended N.P.D.

59 Chapters. 8,133 Members. Gain, 10.

NORTH DAKOTA

36th Annual Convocation

Held at Bismarck, 20th January, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

Our good friend, R. E. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe E. of Manitoba, was an honored visitor.

Owing to North Dakota having passed through a "most trying period" of hard times, Capitular Masonry has not made the progress hoped for, but the address of Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. John A. Graham, is optimistic for the future. He calls attention to the fact that the number of suspensions for N.P.D. represent 40 % of the number of exaltations and suggests a vigorous campaign for the collection of outstanding dues.

He recommended life memberships for Companions who have attained the age of seventy years.

He commends the District Deputy system of visitations.

The Student's Loan Fund is rendering real service.

M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell was re-elected Grand Secretary for the fifteenth time.

28 Chapters. 4,168 Members. Gain, 10.

NOVA SCOTIA

56th Annual Convocation

Held at Halifax, 9th June, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Fletcher H. Northup, representing Alberta.

The Grand High Priest of New Brunswick, M. E. Comp. William H. Smith, was received with Grand Honors.

Grand Chapter met in the new Masonic Temple and during the sessions a Keystone from King Solomon Quarries was placed in position at the entrance of the Chapter Rooms, and the room solemnly dedicated for the use of Capitular Masonry.

M. E. Comp. Pius J. S. Otto, Grand High Priest, had a busy term of office. His work evidently met with the unqualified approval of his Companions, as he was re-elected for 1925.

He is strongly in favor of District re-unions, and is a stickler for correct ritualistic work.

"We can make these degrees what they should be by striving to give each candidate a faithful interpretation of their beautiful teachings and not only will this bring to each of us a personal reward but there will be more real lasting enjoyment and pleasure in our Chapters."

He made many visitations, covering all twenty Chapters, including Shannon Chapter No. 9, at St. John's, Newfoundland.

He reluctantly recommended against the proposal to hold the Grand Convocation at St. John's, Newfoundland, as the expense would be too great, and not more than twenty or twenty-five of the mainland Companions would be able to attend.

The rank of Honorary Past Grand King was conferred on Grand Secretary R. E. Comp. Brenton F. Porter for faithful service.

One hundred members were suspended for N.P.D.

20 Chapters. 2,690 Members. Loss, 21.

OKLAHOMA

36th Annual Convocation

Held at Cushing, 22nd April, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Edward P. Gallup, Alberta's Representative, was present at roll call.

M. E. Comp. Thos. J. Mills, Grand High Priest, complimented the Deputy Grand High Priests of the several Districts on their good work and loyal support. He issued a dispensation to organize a new Chapter at Oklahoma City. He issued fifteen dispensations to Chapters "to receive and ballot upon petitions out of time." One feels that it will be hard for future Grand High Priests to refuse requests of this nature. However, there may have been good reasons. He recommended that a periodical should be published in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in his Jurisdiction. (Not concurred in by Grand Chapter.)

498 suspension for N.P.D. The Grand Secretary says, "entirely too large". One Chapter only five years old loses 50 per cent. of its members from this cause.

Each Chapter is supplied with nine rituals.

Oklahoma has a Students Loan Fund. Has made sixty-three loans to forty different individuals.

Alberta's proceedings are ably reviewed by Comp. Major William Noble. We wish we could quote many of his spicy sayings, but space forbids. However, here is one we cannot pass up:

"Our Fraternity rests upon divine teachings and principles. It is from that source we derive our reverence for truth and justice, our belief in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, and our inspiration to labor for the betterment of humanity. These Masonic principles have been so completely transcribed into the institutions of our country that it would seem as if the foundations of Masonic philosophy and the political philosophy of democracy were laid out by the same hands.

"Shall we not confess with the great 'Franklin.'

"'God governs in the affairs of men,' therefore give us real men to govern in the affairs of men, never forgetting that to our hands has been committed the Ark of the people's Covenant, and that it is our duty to shield it from destruction.

"We should uphold the hands of the chief executive of our country and those in authority, in maintaining law and order and the enforcement of the law of the land, and whenever called upon to help, to respond with might and main, with the assurance of having done well, that we will enter into our reward."

81 Chapters. 14,420 Members. 614 Gain.

OREGON

65th Annual Convocation

Held at Portland, 13th April, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

Oregon maintains a "Students Loan Fund."

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. H. Wayne Stanard ruled "The Grand Chapter of Oregon does not recognize the Mark Master degree as conferred in Scotland, it being conferred in a Blue Lodge." Oregon Chapters could not therefore confer remaining degrees on a candidate except as a regular applicant.

Grand Secretary M. E. Comp. Jas. F. Robinson retired after thirty-four years of faithful service. His Companions elected him Secretary Emeritus with the same salary as before:

"A notable Masonic character, his life and achievements are inscribed in golden letters upon the hearts of his Companions, a beloved example never to be forgotten. In the Royal Arch constellation of Oregon he is the lustrous star, the light of whose influence will never fade—whose fixed and steady gleam will be forever a guide and beacon to his Companions."

48 Chapters. 6,951 Members. Gain, 41.

PENNSYLVANIA

129th Annual Convocation

Held at Philadelphia, 27th December, 1924, together with quarterlies of March 6th, June 5th, September 4th and December 4th.

Comp. Owen T. Metzgar represented Alberta at the December quarterly.

Manitoba received Fraternal recognition at the March quarterly.

Pennsylvania has two Mark Lodges with a membership of 157.

At the June meeting the Grand High Priest had the sad duty of announcing the death of M. E. Comp. William B. Meredith, Past

G.H.P. and for more than fifteen years Chairman of the Correspondence Report. "One who faithfully guarded the Ancient landmarks, one to whom all innovation or addenda was anathema, and one whom the supremacy of the Constitution was as the Ark of the Covenant."

M. E. Comp. John M. Core, Grand High Priest, reported a case of incompetence which should be a warning to others who "take the duties of office lightly": A High Priest elect not having learned the work, was on his promise to make himself proficient, installed. During the year his Chapter exalted some thirty candidates but the High Priest had taken no part in the work. He admitted that he had not learned the work and in reply to the Grand High Priest's question as to what he thought of the situation, replied, "If you are a man of your word you will remove me." It is unnecessary to add that he was suspended and the Grand King placed in charge of the Chapter.

Pennsylvania aims for uniformity and perfection.

151 Chapters. 59,117 Members. Gain, 1,595.

QUEBEC

48th Annual Convocation

Held at Montreal, 25th March, 1925.

R. E. Comp. W. J. Edwards, Third Grand Principal, represented Alberta.

The Grand First Principal M. E. Comp. W. M. Couper reported a satisfactory increase in membership. In this connection he says, "It is not vast numbers that I would desire, but a good material increase of men who will prove themselves worthy of the Royal Craft."

After thirty-nine years of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter of England, Peace and Harmony again reigns.

The M. E. Grand Z. had the pleasure of visiting the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire and Massachusetts during his term. His work met with the approval of his Companions. The Committee on the Address has this to say of their Grand Z: "His services to Royal Arch Masonry during his year of office as Grand First Principal have but tended to enhance his reputations as a distinguished Craftsman and to further strengthen the ties of friendship which bind him to his Companions. May he long be spared to enjoy their confidence, respect and esteem."

21 Chapters. 3,351 Members. Gain, 154.

SASKATCHEWAN

2nd Annual Convocation

Held at Moose Jaw, 18th February, 1925.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Moore, Alberta's Representative present.

Distinguished visitors from Manitoba and North Dakota were present and officially welcomed.

M. E. Comp. James McCauley, Grand Z., in his business like address reported that thirty Grand Jurisdictions had recognized Saskatchewan since the last Annual Convocation.

He spoke kindly of his visit to Alberta's Tenth Anniversary but made one serious mistake in putting the letter "T" in our Grand Z's name. We forgive him this time but trust it will not occur again. In addition to his visit to Alberta he had the pleasure of visiting Manitoba, North Dakota, Michigan, and the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada at Windsor, Ontario.

He instituted Chapters at Lancer, Kincaid and Gull Lake, consecrated the Chapter at Melfort and made twelve visits to his Chapters.

His remarks on "Allegorical Lessons" are well worth quoting, but much to our regret lack of space forbids our re-printing them.

26 Chapters. 2,637 Members. Gain, 115.

SCOTLAND

For year ending 12th February, 1925.

The M. E. the First Grand Principal, the Earl of Cassillis, gave an interesting report of his world tour, he having visited Gibraltar, India, Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Manila, Hong Kong, China, Japan, United States of America and Canada. He was everywhere received in a Royal manner and his visits will no doubt have a wonderful effect on Capitular Masonry throughout the World. As a result of his visit to the United States, the troubles between the General Grand Chapter and Scotland, owing to the Manila incident, have been fraternally adjusted.

The Benevolent Fund of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland on 12th February, 1925, stood at £16,149, an increase for the year of £1,001. The General Funds and Estate amount to £15,295. The War Relief Fund amounts to £598.

SOUTH CAROLINA

113th Annual Convocation

Held at Spartanburg, 14th April, 1925.

Ex. Comp. W. A. Giles represented Alberta.

The Grand High Priest makes the following pointed remarks on "State of the Order."

"Peace and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction. Possibly due to the nature of the times the growth of Capitular Masonry during the past year is not as encouraging as hoped for. During the year 390 were exalted, 114 affiliated and 22 reinstated, but 70 died, 165 demitted, 192 were suspended n.p.d., and 1 suspended, so that the net gain was only 98. I believe that the officers of the Chapters are

largely responsible for this condition. They do not give the time and thought to the work that their acceptance of office would justify us in expecting of them. Of course, there are notable exceptions to this statement and wherever this is the case you find a thriving, enthusiastic Chapter. The large number of demissions and suspensions for n.p.d. would indicate from experience that the Secretaries have not always been on their jobs. Where there is a live Secretary and prompt collection of dues there are fewer suspensions and demissions, for it is usually after an accumulation of dues that dissatisfaction and indifference arises. Why should 192 be dropped for n.p.d. except for indifference? There is no Chapter that would not remit a Companion's dues if he expressed his inability to pay them."

Here is a ruling on "Jurisdiction" of Chapters:

"Where a person leaves his home with intention to establish a permanent residence elsewhere, jurisdiction passes immediately, even though the new jurisdiction may not receive his petition until six months residence."

He reports the constitution of a new Chapter. "A public installation had been arranged for, but on account of a severe storm this was abandoned. There was, however, a large attendance of Companions present."

Although the G.H.P. recommended recognition of "Queensland" the Committee on Fraternal Relations recommended postponement and its report was adopted.

44 Chapters. 6,629 Members. Gain, 98.

SOUTH DAKOTA

36th Annual Convocation

Held at Sioux Falls, 11th June, 1925.

Alberta not represented.

M. E. Comp. J. Stanton, Grand High Priest, reported "that with a few exceptions the Chapters are doing good work." He is opposed to "comedy." He is firmly convinced that the ordinary members of a Chapter do not desire to see its ritualistic work degraded to the level of an ordinary burlesque."

43 Chapters. 6,380 Members. Gain, 28.

TENNESSEE

96th Annual Convocation

Held at Nashville, 26th January, 1925.

M. E. Comp. Frank E. Bartley, represented "Alberta."

In a concise businesslike address M. E. Comp. John G. Greer calls attention to invasions of Jurisdiction by Chapters "just across

the line" and recommends "that the Tennessee state line be made the jurisdictional line, and that adjoining States be not allowed to make R. A. Masons of, nor to confer any of the Chapter degrees upon residents of Tennessee." (This was approved of by Grand Chapter.)

He objected to canvassing for office in Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisdiction declared electioneering "unlawful."

Here is some good common sense:

Unhealthy Growth

"I fear that there is too much of an inclination to grow in numbers, and that we are not so careful as we should be in the admission of new members, and would call attention to the fact it is quality that counts and not quantity. A thousand good men and true, who are not members of the order do us no harm, but one unworthy one does do us great evil, and I would insist that the applications for membership be carefully examined in order that only those who will be worthy members be admitted."

90 Chapters. 11,039 Members. Gain 529.

UTAH

14th Annual Convocation

Held at Ogden, 22nd May, 1925.

Alberta not represented. Comp. E. A. Tripp however sent his regrets.

M. E. Comp. George W. Lynch, Grand High Priest, reported having constituted a new Chapter at Mt. Pleasant. That "nothing transpired (during his term) to disturb the peace and harmony of our Companions." That "the showing of most of our constituent Chapters is indeed creditable, the character of the work they are doing is pleasingly satisfactory and the officers and members are interested and enthusiastic."

He visited officially each of the Chapters and some of them two or three times.

He rules that "a Mark Master Mason receiving this Degree conferred by a Blue Lodge cannot visit a Chapter when working in the Mark Master Degree."

Although the Grand Secretary M. E. Comp. Walter Daniels, on account of continued ill health, requested that he be allowed to retire from office, Grand Chapter re-elected him and appointed an assistant.

8 Chapters. 1,202 Members. Gain, 60.

VICTORIA

1924-1925

Convocations of July 16th, October 15th, January 21st and April 22nd.

Grand Chapter is opened in Ample, Antient and Solemn Form.

R. E. Comp. John E. Kennedy, Alberta's Representative, is the Grand Scribe E.

From the reports of Grand Officers we note that Capitular Masonry is flourishing in our sister Dominion.

"New South Wales" appealed for "the moral and sympathetic support of its Sister Grand Chapters in Australia," but Victoria, while deploring the discord at present existing between "Scotland" and "New South Wales" declined to interfere but suggested that "the whole of the Chapters in that territory be placed under the control of one Grand Chapter with exclusive sovereign rights therein."

We quote the following from M. E. Comp. W. A. Callaway's address to Grand Chapter. It is good medicine:

"Inefficient Officers.—From time to time evidence reaches us from some Chapters of the acceptance of Office by Companions either too indifferent or too indolent to properly qualify themselves in the Work and Lectures pertaining to such Offices. Not infrequently such an Officer is one whose Work in the Craft Degrees was beyond reproach, who rose to the Chair of his Lodge only after many years of regular attendance at Rehearsals and Lodges of Instruction and whose well-earned reputation for efficiency in Craft Work should have been a guarantee that in this Supreme Degree he would be satisfied with no lower standard. Then there is the Companion who allows himself to be elected to a Principal's Chair and openly declares that he does not propose to take the trouble to learn the Lectures pertaining to such Chair. And there is the unfortunate Companion whose lack of education leads to the omission or mispronunciation of essential words and phrases and the failure to himself comprehend the instruction he is attempting to impart to the Candidate. Any Companion unable or unwilling to perform the duties of an Office with reasonable efficiency should not be appointed to Office or promoted to higher responsibility; and the Principals and Companions of every Chapter should remember that in their hands rest, not only the well-being of their own Chapter, but the reputation and usefulness of Capitular Masonry throughout this Territory. Grand Chapter is ever anxious to refrain from any interference with the internal affairs of the constituent Chapters, and there will be no such intervention if in the selection of their Principals and Officers the Members of every Chapter will demand efficiency, zeal, and common sense."

47 Chapters. 3,274 Members. Gain, 401.

VERMONT

108th Annual Convocation

Held at Burlington, 9th June, 1925.

R. E. Comp. Howard H. Shufelt, represented "Alberta."

Distinguished visitors from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York Grand Chapters were present. Only one Grand Chapter officer was absent and he, unfortunately, was sick.

M. E. Comp. Archie S. Harriman, Grand High Priest, complimented the District Deputies on their good work. He attended each of the District Meetings accompanied by the Grand Lecturer, and found them well attended and deep interest shown in the work.

The Grand Treasurer R. E. Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb, after thirty-seven years service declined re-election, much to the regret of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer makes the following very fitting remarks with reference to Officers of Chapters:

"Subordinate Chapters need one thing—that is leadership. If a Chapter has an active and efficient High Priest who pursues his duties with interest and encourages his associates to aid him, it is safe to wager that such a Chapter is in good condition. The choice of officers is of far-reaching importance and is worthy of careful consideration."

31 Chapters. 5,982 Members. Gain, 21.

WEST VIRGINIA

54th Annual Convocation

Held at Bluefield, 10th November, 1924.

"Alberta" represented by E. Comp. L. G. Kincheloe.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a brief report of his activities during his term of office. His one and only decision may be of interest to Alberta Companions. He ruled that a Brother who had always lived in West Virginia, with the exception of the last two years when he was in Alaska could not petition a Chapter in West Virginia until he had again resided there for at least six months. His recommendation that the Grand Secretary's salary should be increased was adopted by Grand Chapter.

The suggestion of Grand Secretary that a saving of approximately \$450.00 in the printing of Proceedings by eliminating the Roster of Chapter members and cutting down the number of copies sent to Chapters to three was not concurred in.

The Grand Secretary R. E. Comp. G. M. Ford is also Chairman of the Correspondence Committee. He quotes freely from our 1924 Sessions using nearly two pages in kindly comment.

45 Chapters. 11,913 Members. Gain, 475.

WISCONSIN

75th Annual Convocation

Held at Milwaukee, 17th February, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

M. E. Comp. B. F. Keeler, Grand High Priest, in his splendid address strongly supports the Order of De Molay. "The impress for good on the lives of many of the youth has been demonstrated beyond question."

He records the fact that although Wisconsin "rebelled" against the edict of the General Grand High Priest in the "Scotland" troubles, that the Committee on Jurisprudence upheld Wisconsin's contention that the edict was not binding on the State Grand Chapters.

Grand Chapter voted seven hundred and fifty dollars to the Order of De Molay.

The per capita tax was raised from twenty to thirty cents.

A resolution by Past Grand High Priest Aldro Jenks to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter was evidently carried.

112 Chapters. 23,446 Members. Gain, 1,085.

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17th Annual Convocation

Held at Casper 9th July, 1925.

Alberta's Representative not present.

We regret to learn that the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Neil David Nelson was handicapped during his term of office by "continued illness and physical infirmity." We trust that our Companion will soon regain his health and activities.

One Chapter was constituted during the year.

R. E. Comp. Richard H. Repath, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Correspondence gives more than a page of his report to Alberta. He mentions the denial of our Grand Z. of 1924 to the request of Ohio, to confer all Chapter degrees upon a Companion elected to receive them. His suggestion "that the reason was because the work had not been instituted in Ohio before the candidate left" is correct. While this may be a hardship in some cases we feel that the applicant should have been at least "received" in his own Chapter.

17 Chapters. 2,143 Members. Gain, 15.

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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—one copy to be retained by the Scribe E and one by each of the three Principals.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. (See Clause 59—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions suspended *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*

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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1926

- M.E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.....Grand First Principal Z**
513 21st Ave. W., Calgary, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. Wm. M. McNab Grand Second Principal H**
10041-117th St., Edmonton, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....Grand Third Principal J**
Imperial Bank Bldg., Calgary, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. C. R. Wentzel.....Grand Scribe E (Secretary)**
809 9½ St. N.W., Calgary, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. D. W. Cotton.....Grand Scribe N**
Edmonton, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. Ernest Ward.....Grand Principal Sojourner**
Edmonton, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. Wm. C. Black.....Grand Treasurer**
Calgary, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. Geo. B. Wallace.....Grand Registrar**
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
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The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the city of Calgary, on Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 1927, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
